

May Teaser

The May Event Committee is working hard to nail down the final details for our event May 13th, so stay tuned and mark your calendar. It will be held at, and catered by, the Hilton Garden Inn...always a lovely venue to hold our events.



More information to come.

~ Robin Kisala



Plan Ahead Y.E.S. Calendar of Upcoming Events

May 13...

To be announced...

Hilton Garden Inn

June 10...

Tieton Cider Works

Outside event

July 18 (Saturday)...

Tri-Cities Wine Club & Y.E.S.

YVCC Grandview Campus

~ Robin Kisala

It's Time for Platinum XIII

ALERT: As of last week, we had only a few tickets left for the upcoming Platinum XIII. If you know of anyone who wants to attend, tell them they should go to "Brown Paper Tickets" and sign up as soon as possible.

The dinner will be held Saturday April 11th starting at 6:00 p.m. at the Yakima Country Club. For the Winemaker's Reception we will be serving six wines—three whites and three reds—with passed appetizers. This year we will have in attendance representatives from 10 wineries (including two from Canada, one from Oregon and, for the first time, one from Idaho) who will talk about their wines. During this reception social hour we will also have our popular gift baskets, designed by Bev Warren, available as silent auction items.

The menu this year is one to look forward to. The dinner will include a course of Viognier served with a smoked scallop/baby arugula salad; a course of Pinot Gris served with a prawn and cod meatball; a course of Pinot Noir served with a caramelized Long Island duck breast; a course of Double Platinum Cabernet Sauvignon served with roasted Snake River Farm Wagyu New York Strip steak. Finally we will round out the menu with a course of three different dessert wines served with a Belgian chocolate ganache and frangipane tart.

Sponsoring Winemaker's Tables this year are: **Kraze Legz Vineyards** from Canada, **Duck Pond Cellars** and **Cardwell Hill Winery** from Oregon, and **Jones of Washington**, **Smasne Cellars** and **Brian Carter Cellars**, all from Washington. We wish to thank each of these wineries for stepping forward and agreeing to host a table.

As in past years, during the course of the evening, we will have a live auction of wine, wine paired dinners and, of course, judging positions for the upcoming 2015 Platinum Wine judging provided by Wine Press Northwest magazine. Proceeds from this year's Platinum event go to wine industry scholarships at Yakima Valley Community College, Washington State University Tri-Cities School of Enology and the wine program at Walla Walla Community College (Stan Clark Memorial).

Please remember to bring cash or your checkbook to bid on the auction items. Unfortunately in order to keep our expenses down, we are unable to take credit cards.

For attendees from out of the area, or for those of us who live a long drive from the Country Club, we have arranged with the Hilton Garden Inn to give our guests a special room rate of \$109 (plus taxes) and also with the Oxford Inn at a rate of \$99 (plus taxes). When booking a reservation just

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Vice President's Corner

April 2015

For those of you who were able to attend the March Potluck/Annual Meeting, you know that three of our longtime board members, **Ben Antonio, Kathy Michielsen, and Tim Jeske**, decided to step down, leaving a total of four spaces to fill (with **Bryan Hollenbaugh** having moved out of the area). Their service on the board has been appreciated and they will be missed.

We are grateful and excited that four Y.E.S. members' names were put forward at the meeting and were elected to fill those spaces for two-year terms. I would like to introduce these new board members to you here. Next month will feature an introduction to the new board officers.

Marietta Barr is a "local girl," born in Yakima and raised in the Highland area of Cowiche, although she left for some 18 years to reside in Maryland, returning to Yakima 25 years ago where she worked as an administrative assistant. Marietta is now retired. After attending Y.E.S. events for a couple of years as a guest, Marietta became an official member three years ago. A loyal "12th Man" when she isn't watching a Mariner's game, she enjoys reading and card making...and, of course, wine.



Longtime resident of Yakima (37 years), **Cheryl Probasco** was actually born in Petersburg, Alaska, and then raised in Ellensburg. Now retired, Cheryl's career was as an instructor in the Business Technology Department at Yakima Valley Community College. She and her husband have been members of Y.E.S. off and on for about 15 years. When Cheryl isn't traveling, she also enjoys reading literature, sewing, swimming...and, of course, wine!



Our youngest board member (Yay!) is **Teresa Nguyen** (which is pronounced WIN and is as common a last name in Vietnam as Smith is here) hales from "far away" Spokane, WA, where her family still resides. She has been in Yakima for the past six years, first



obtaining her degree and then obtaining her position as a Medical Laboratory Scientist at Memorial Hospital. Teresa has been a Y.E.S. member for about five years. In addition to being handy with a drill or a hammer, she also enjoys doing crafts, snowboarding...and, of course, wine!

Connie Jo Eisenzimmer is our world traveler, having been raised in a military family, and has lived in some faraway places including Morocco and Madrid. Her parents retired here in Yakima, and although Connie left for college in Spokane and also lived in "that city on the West Side" for a time, she came back to Yakima in 1990 and has remained for the past 25 years. She and her husband fell in love with Y.E.S. about 12 years ago while attending a Valentine's event

and have been members ever since. Connie Jo stays busy with their new venture, The Vine Venue Event Center, and is also co-owner of Skateland Fun Center. Entertaining there, and with their jazz band, is Connie's joy...and, of course, all with wine!



The entire Y.E.S. Board welcomes suggestions and ideas for events from you, the members whom we serve. Please feel free to approach these new board members, or us "old" board members either by email or at the next event. See you at Platinum!

~ **Robin Kisala,**

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ask for the Platinum rate. With Aladin Limousine we have arranged a \$30 per person flat fee, paid at pickup, to get you to and from the Country Club from either of these hotels and also from Yakima city proper. Outlying areas are price negotiable. Just call Steve Zien at 969-2877 and tell him you want the Platinum Special.

This event continues to grow in popularity and is selling out earlier every year, so if you missed it this year please try again in 2016.

We would like to thank the Yakima County Club and Rene, Greg, and the staff at the country club for their dedication and support in making our event one of the finest in Washington.

~ **Chuck Johnson**

March Recap Y.E.S. Membership Meeting

The 2015 Annual Membership Meeting was held March 11 at the Yakima Valley Museum. More than 40 members attended the meeting and enjoyed our Y.E.S. tradition of a potluck meal. Wines for the evening were provided by members of the board in addition to wines left over from the past year's tastings.

Our theme for this year's meeting was the Yakima Valley Museum (YVM). YVM has been the home for Y.E.S. for several years. To show our appreciation to the museum for its hospitality (they have not increased our rental fee for many years!) the members brought kitchen supply gifts. Thanks to all of the members who donated potholders, serving utensils, knives, kitchen utensils, and serving dishes to the museum's kitchen. Museum Director John Baule provided a short program about the history of the Yakima Valley Museum.

At the business meeting four new board members were elected: **Marietta Barr**, **Connie Eisenzimmer**, **Teresa Nguyen**, and **Cheryl Probasco**. They replace four members retiring from the board: **Kathy Michielsen**, **Ben Antonio**, **Tim Jeske**, and **Bryan Hollenbauch**. The highlight of our meeting was the introduction of Y.E.S. scholarship students in the YVCC and Walla Walla Community College Vineyard and Winery programs. Trent Ball of YVCC brought two of the scholarship recipients (the four YVCC scholars are Ryan Anderson, Sergio Gonzalez, Mario Zarazua, Sam Mosman). Attending from Walla Walla Community College was scholarship recipient Kate Brehm. Funds for these scholarships are derived from the Y.E.S. Platinum Dinner held in April.

Thanks to all the members for the productive meeting and delicious potluck! No one went home hungry or dissatisfied!

~ **Tim Jeske**



Eat this... Drink that

*Recipe submitted by Dorene Boyle
Wine suggested by Brad Baldwin*



This month: **Grape Salad** with **Southard Winery 2011 Riesling**. Regular retail price: \$18.00; Y.E.S. price: \$14.40 at Stems in downtown Yakima.

Grape Salad

Servings: 15

Ingredients:

2 pounds green seedless grapes
2 pounds red seedless grapes
8 ounces sour cream
8 ounces cream cheese (at room temperature)
1/2 cup granulated sugar
1 teaspoon vanilla extract

Topping Ingredients:

1 cup brown sugar
1 cup crushed pecans

Directions:

Wash and stem grapes and set aside.

Mix sour cream, cream cheese (room temp), white sugar and vanilla by hand until blended (I used a blender whisk because it was a little lumpy).

Stir grapes into mixture and pour in large serving bowl.

For Topping, combine brown sugar and pecans and sprinkle over top of grapes to cover completely.

Chill overnight.



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Membership Update

This month we welcome several new members: **Susan and Joseph Caruso, Bill Elliott, David and Marci Mitts, and Debra Yergen**. We are glad you have joined our group and look forward to getting to know you at some of the great events we have planned this year. So far 47 of the rest of you have renewed your membership. If you haven't already done so, please get your renewal in as soon as you can. You will find the renewal form on the Y.E.S. website. Starting in May, if you haven't renewed your membership, you will no longer get the notice that the newsletter is available. We look forward to another year of fun events. Hope to see you at many of them.

~ **Susan McPhee**



Wine Trivia

*Test your wine knowledge each
month with a new wine term and*

Viognier (pronounced VEE-ohn-yay): A low-yielding white grape varietal, originally from the Rhône region. Viognier wines have distinctive natural aromas including notes of peach, pears, violets and minerality, and viscosity and lushness on the palate. Sometimes small amounts are blended with Syrah to soften and add elegance to the wine.

Submitted by Robin Kisala

Platinum XIII Dinner Reservation

Saturday, April 11, 2015 ~ Yakima Country Club

6:00 pm ~ Winemaker's Reception & Greeting Wines

7:00 pm ~ Dinner featuring five courses and Platinum Wines

You may purchase tickets individually or purchase a table of ten. If you are purchasing a Winemaker's Table, the table will be limited to eight, as you will be seated with a winemaker and his/her guest (for a total of ten). You will also go home with a bottle of wine! *If you are buying a whole table, please send in the money for all of your table along with a list of the people at your table. In that way you will be guaranteed to sit together!* If you are not buying a table but would like to be seated with friends, please write their names below and we will make an effort to seat you accordingly.

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| 10. Name: _____ | Phone or email: _____ |

Early Bird (must be postmarked by April 1)

Regular seating - \$140/person: Number of Attendees: _____ @ \$140 = _____

Winemaker's Table - \$165/person: Number of Attendees: _____ @ \$165 = _____

After April 1

Regular seating - \$155/person: Number of Attendees: _____ @ \$155 = _____

Winemaker's Table - \$180/person: Number of Attendees: _____ @ \$180 = _____

Total Enclosed: \$ _____

We would like to be seated with: _____

If no seating preference is made, your seating will be assigned for you.

Please mail this form along with your check to:
Yakima Enological Society - P.O. Box 2395, Yakima, WA 98907

Or, pay online with a credit card at Brown Paper Tickets.

Go to the Y.E.S. website at www.yakimawine.org and click on the Platinum XIII link under Upcoming Events.

All reservations must be paid for in advance and are non-refundable.