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of the Pacific Northwest**

January 2002

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The Blind Leading the Blind

Do you have a favorite wine varietal? Can we recognize it without looking at the label? Test yourself at this tasting.

Will you be led down the merry pathway by suggestions from fellow tasters? Can you trust your own sense of taste? If a bottle is mislabeled, would you know the difference?

We will greet with a sparkling wine and then bring on 6-7 wines. Challenge yourself by guessing the varietal of grape in each wine. A free tasting will be handed out to the person with the most correct answers.

There will be plenty of time to meet new members and visit with friends. Will you be comparing notes on the wines or leading the blind to a different conclusion? Do not be afraid to try our guessing game. Testing yourself is one way of checking out your knowledge. Doing it with others increases the fun. Good Luck!



Date: Wednesday, January 9, 2002

Place: Woman's Century Club House

Time: 7:30 P.M. Tasting

Cost: \$15.00 per Member
\$20.00 per Non-Member
\$ 5.00 per Non-Drinker

Bring: 2 Wine-Glasses

Deadline: Postmarked by Friday, Jan. 4, 2001

Phone calls: Only through Monday, Jan. 7th by
8:00 P.M. Marie Clark 697-3364

Marie Clark

Happy New Year!



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Happy New Year! When I look back on this last year I think about the great tastings we have had, the fun, the laughter, some tears, but most of all the friendships, old and new. I am proud to be involved in such a fun loving group of people. And my, how you love to dance. Our Christmas party was terrific! The dance floor was packed until the end of the evening. The food, the wine and conversations were enchanting. I will look forward to next year!

Recently we had the opportunity to spend a private afternoon, with David Minnick of Willow Crest. What a delightful man. He is not only a talented winemaker, but a generous and humble person. His Syrah recently won Best of Show at the Tri-Cities Wine Festival and it is phenomenal. He has terrific and very affordable wines. The drive to Prosser is beautiful and the view intoxicating. Kameo Flower Shop has recently opened a decadent room filled with wines, cheeses, crackers, chocolates, ales and much more. They send out beautiful gift baskets for those who love to indulge in simple pleasures. I sent a few out for Christmas gifts. The baskets are fun to fill. Ask for Bert at Kameo.



I think that we have a great year lined up already and look forward to spending time with you. And don't forget your New Year Resolution to drink your Red Wine for the antioxidants. Again, Happy New Year!

Gina Milliron

Y.E.S. Holiday Gala Revisited

One hundred festive Society members and their guests attended the 2001 Christmas party at the Yakima Country Club on December 19th. Various Washington wines were enjoyed with a holiday inspired meal of appetizers, aged prime rib of beef, and various side dishes. Anyone who didn't save room for the chocolate "Tuxedo" cake finale was seriously short-changed.



The "Lot #11" Bookwalter Red Table Wine was a big hit, especially considering it's reasonable price and ample availability at Wray's Thriftway, Fred Meyer, and other local retail sites.

This 1999 Columbia Valley blend is a great example of the excellent quality of the vintage's red varieties from our valley, just now being introduced into the market. The only aspect of this enjoyable get-together, that could have been expanded, was the dance floor, where Ken Leader – led dancing fanatics competed for space. Our grateful thanks to Ken for the great variety of tunes which he offered throughout the evening. And special thanks to all of our attendees who made this a night to remember!

Ray Dilschneider



Please submit info., articles, or recipes to:

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Calendar of Upcoming Events

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| Jan. 9 | Blind Leading the Blind
Woman's Century Club |
| Jan. 16 | Board Meeting |
| Feb. 13 | Claar Cellars - Mike Libbee
Woman's Century Club |
| Mar. 13 | Annual Meeting
Woman's Century Club |
| April 10 | TBA
Larsen Gallery |

Claar Cellars

Join us at the Women's Century Club on February 13 for a fun-filled evening featuring Claar Cellars premium wines.

Owners Bob and Crista Claar Whitelatch and winemaker Bela Varga will be on hand to answer your questions.

Deli de Pasta will prepare hors d'oeuvres to complement the wines.

Mike Libbee



Emailed Newsletter

To all YES members that receive their newsletter by email: Thank you very much for saving your Society the cost of printing and mailing, it has made a difference in our budget. Please encourage other members to also receive their newsletter this way in the future.



Reminder to all members if you change your email provider (i.e. change your email address) please let me know at jdibari@nwinfo.net of the change. Just like with the US Postal Service you need to notify others when your address changes - otherwise you will not get your mail. Thanks!

John DiBari



Membership Renewal

Membership Renewal coming soon! Remember that your membership in Y.E.S. comes up for renewal on March 1st of each year. There will be a renewal form in the next two newsletters so watch for it next month.

John DiBari



Upcoming Northwest Wine Events

Shoalwater Restaurant Northwest Winemakers Dinner Series, Jan. 11, Seaview, Wash. Cooper Mountain Vineyards of Oregon, cost \$85 per person. Seats go fast, so reserve early by calling 360-642-4142 or emailing winedine@willapabay.org

Taste Washington, Jan. 17, Pacific Northwest College of Arts, Portland. The Washington Wine Commission takes its popular wine and food event on the road. Call 206-667-9463 or go to www.washingtonwine.org

Murder, News and Wine, 7 p.m. Jan. 18, Burien, Wash. Seattle theater group Breeders Theater and E. B. Foote Winery present this play at Highline College. Tickets are \$15 and include appetizers and wine tasting. Seating is limited. Tickets available at E.B. Foote Winery and CorkyCellars in Des Moines. Call 206-824-9462.

Crab & Chowder Festival, Jan. 19-20, 11 a.m.-6 p.m., Willamette Valley Vineyards, Turner, Ore. Wines, music, Mo's World Famous clam chowder. 8800 Enchanted Way, Turner, Ore. Call 800-344-9463.

Icewine Festival, Jan. 24-27, Sun Peaks Resort, British Columbia. Enjoy B.C.'s famous dessert wines at this fourth annual festival. Call 250-861-6654 or go to www.owfs.com.

Shoalwater Restaurant Northwest Winemakers Dinner Series, Jan. 25, Seaview, Wash. Willamette Valley Vineyards and Torii Mor of Oregon, cost \$85 per person. Seats go fast, so reserve early by calling 360-642-4142 or emailing winedine@willapabay.org

Northwest Winemakers Dinner Series, Feb. 8, Seaview, Wash. Mount Baker Vineyards of Washington, cost \$85 per person. Seats go fast, so reserve early by calling 360-642-4142 or emailing winedine@willapabay.org

Information retrieved from www.winepressnw.com, visit their site for more details on the listed events. You can find many more interesting NW wine events at their site.

Charlena Paschen





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First Class Mail

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Blind Leading Blind

Woman's Century Club

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Wednesday, Jan. 9th, 2002 7:30 PM

Name(s): _____

Members _____ @ \$15.00 = \$_____

Name(s): _____

Guests _____ @ \$20.00 = \$_____

Guest(s): _____

Non-Drinkers _____ @ \$ 5.00 = \$_____

Guest(s): _____

TOTAL Enclosed: \$

Phone: _____

Please give your e-mail address below if you would like to receive future issues of the newsletter via e-mail:

If you would like to help with the tasting, please select one of the following:

Set Up Food Prep Registration

Greeter Pourer Clean Up

Please clip & mail _____ with your _____ check to:

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All Reservations must be paid for in advance and are NON REFUNDABLE!

