



**Chapter of the Enological Society
of the Pacific Northwest**

March 2002

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Not All Business

The Society's Annual Meeting will be held **Wednesday, March 13, 2002**, at the **Womans Century Club** starting at **6:30 p.m.**

As is our tradition, this evening will be a Potluck. The Society will provide the meats, special salsas and the wines. You are asked to bring your favorite appetizer, side dish or desert that would go well with a Spanish/southwest theme. **Jar and Deb Arcand** of Santiago's Restaurant are preparing the meats for the evening. The wine for the March meeting will be provided by **Bill and Reta Myers** from the cellars of **Chateau St. William**. These are wines that we have enjoyed greatly in the past during a summer garden party at the Myers home. This will be a treat for all who come to the March meeting. Thank you very much Bill and Reta.

The entertainment for the evening will be provided by your Board of Directors and will start with a short business meeting that will include a financial report from "**Arthur Anderson**" **Gable**, The Presidents Report by the Vice President and nominations for your Board of Directors for the coming year. This is your opportunity to let your board know what you like and/or dislike about what they are doing. It is also a chance to say farewell to the outgoing Board Members.



This business meeting is open to all members, but would be especially beneficial to newer members. Hope to see everyone in attendance.

Date: Wednesday, March 13, 2002

Place: Woman's Century Club
304 N. 2nd Street
Yakima, WA

Time: 6:30 P.M. Registration
7:00 P.M. Tasting

Cost: \$ 5.00 per Member
\$ 5.00 per Non-Member

Bring: 1 Wine-Glass

Deadline: Postmarked by Friday, March 8, 2002

Phone calls: Only through Monday, Mar.11th by
8:00 P.M. Marie Clark 697-3364

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

I hope that you will agree that our February tasting was an unforgettable evening as promised. A special thank you goes to **Mike Libbee** and **Bob Whitelatch** of **Claar Cellars** for not only a beautiful Valentine's Day dinner, but outstanding wines. My only regret is for those who could not attend due to capacity. Your board members and I are working very hard to find a new location for our growing membership. We are now over 220 members. I would like to ask if anyone has any suggestions to please contact me.

Recently, the State of Washington has been named Wine Region of the Year in Wine Enthusiast Magazine. Washington was the first American region nominated, whereas in the past, nominations went to long established wine regions in the old world. This is such a very exciting time for Washington's wine industry. Don't forget that Spring Barrel tasting is just around the corner!

I would like to introduce to you a new feature in our newsletter. It will require audience participation, so please don't be shy. Each month we would like to feature members recommendations for wine selections. Your choices can be tasty bargains, hard to find wines or just all around good bottles you would like to share with your fellow members. You can e-mail your recommendations to me at famchiro@aol.com or perhaps send in your choices with your tasting registration. I hope you will have some fun with it and I am looking forward to hearing from you.



Please be sure to join us for the March annual business meeting. The food is always excellent and this is your chance to voice your opinions. Tell us what you like or dislike and where you see our future going as we grow with our ever-growing wine industry. I do hope you will attend. And don't forget to mark your calendar for April at the Larson Gallery. This is always a fun event. There is no limit on attendance. The wine and food are always terrific and you get to vote on your best of show. I hope to see you there.

We have several new members that I would like to warmly welcome into our group. They are **Leo & Karen Lee, Larry & Lisa Sidor, Nadine Kobes** and **Nick Perez, Fred & Jeannette Witham, Jim & Sally Baldwin, Kim & Connie Eisenzimmer** and **Larry & Lola Worden**. I am so very glad to have you all with us. We look forward to getting to know you at future tastings!

Gina Milliron

YES Presents a Seminar / Workshop on Wine Tasting by Stan Clarke

The May tasting of the YES will be held at the Woman's Century Club on Wednesday, May 8, 2002. Stan Clarke will present a seminar / workshop on wine tasting. More particularly, he will demonstrate tasting threshold differences of tannin, sweetness and acidity. Please mark your calendars!

Stan Clarke

TIME TO RENEW

It is that time of the year again for current members of the Yakima Enological Society to renew their membership. In this newsletter you will find a short membership form to be used for your renewal. Please fill it out and send with the appropriate amount to the YES PO Box on the form.

It is very important that current members renew before April 7. After that date the YES Board has decided that persons signing up for YES tastings that have not renewed their membership will pay the extra \$5 per person for wine tastings.

As a member of the Enological Society of the Pacific Northwest we owe dues to the umbrella group each year. When membership renewals come in over a period of months it causes extra problems with record keeping and accounting. Since those who perform these duties for Y.E.S. are volunteers it is best to keep the process to the shortest period of time. If you want to stay a part of Y.E.S. please remember to take care of this as soon as possible.



John DiBari

Calendar of Upcoming Events

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| Mar. 13 | Annual Meeting Woman's Century Club |
| Mar. 20 | Board Meeting TBD |
| April 10 | Terra Blanca Larsen Gallery |
| April 26-28 | Spring Barrel Tasting |

"A Valentine's Extravaganza"

The February Tasting, hosted by **Claar Cellars**, will be remembered as one of our all-time most enjoyable events. A capacity crowd of 110 members and their guests enjoyed six premium wines, dined on sumptuous hors 'douvres prepared by **Deli de Pasta**, and enjoyed the romantic violin renderings of the Yakima Symphony Orchestra's **Laura Schactler**. Many of us lingered long after the truffles and nouveau, not wishing the evening to end. We'll be talking about this tasting for years to come!



Our deep gratitude goes to **Bob and Crista (Claar) Whitelatch** for donating the wine, thus allowing us to spend a little more on Deli de Pasta's gourmet fare. Thanks to **Ron and Melissa Richter** and **Lisa Rembold** for their culinary artistry. The Tasting Committee (Debbie Libbee, Emily and Gene Medeiros, and Virginia Gable) also wishes to thank our many volunteers who made the evening possible.

The Claar Cellars wines we enjoyed were:

- 2001 Sauvignon Blanc (NEW RELEASE)
- 2000 Chardonnay (NEW RELEASE)
- 1997 Reserve Merlot
- 1997 Cabernet Sauvignon
- 2000 Johannisberg Riesling
- 2001 Nouveau Syrah

The Tasting Committee urges members to demonstrate their appreciation by dining weekly at Deli de Pasta and ordering Claar Cellars wines!

Mike Libbee

April Tasting at Larson Gallery

We will return to the Larson Gallery on the campus of Yakima Valley Community College for the April 10 wine tasting. This popular event will be held during the 30th Annual Photo Exhibition which will open just a few days before the tasting. Y.E.S. members that attend this tasting will vote on a \$100 Y.E.S. Member's Choice Award for one of the photographs in the exhibition.

We are pleased that **Terra Blanca Winery** in the Red Mountain appellation near Benton City will be presenting their wines to our group. Since the Gallery can accommodate a large group, members are encouraged to invite guests to this tasting. So put April 10 on your calendar and plan on attending this popular venue.

John DiBari

Board Nominations

Four nominations for new YES Board members will be announced at our March meeting. They are: **Jim Stoffer, Scott Summers, Gary Cox and Mike Libbee**. Additional nominations may be made from "the floor" at March's meeting as well.

Four existing board members will be up for new 2-year terms, and six other board members will begin their 2nd year terms. A complete rundown of these individuals will be presented at that March meeting.

*Ray Dilschneider
Emily Madeiros
YES Nominating Committee*

Claar Cellars Wins Double Gold

Claar Cellars is proud to announce that its 2000 Johannisberg Riesling recently earned a Double Gold Medal at the Wine Press NW 2002 Platinum Tasting. The panel judged Pacific Northwest wines that won gold medals in 27 competitions held regionally, nationally and internationally in 2001. In addition, Claar Cellars also won Gold for its 2000 Late Harvest Riesling.



Claar Cellars is sold out of both wines, but they remain available at select stores and restaurants in Yakima. The Claar Cellars Tasting Room in Zillah is now featuring the 2001 Rieslings, which exhibit the same extraordinary fruit characteristics.

Spring has Sprung!



Please submit info., articles, or recipes to:

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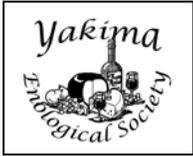
First Class Mail

March 2002

Happy St. Patrick's Day!

| <u>Annual Meeting</u> | <u>Woman's Century Club</u> |
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| Deadline: Postmarked by Friday, March 8th | Wednesday, March 13th, 2002 6:30 PM |
| Name(s): _____ | Members _____ @ \$ 5.00 = \$ _____ |
| Name(s): _____ | Guests _____ @ \$ 5.00 = \$ _____ |
| Guest(s): _____ | Non-Drinkers _____ @ \$ 5.00 = \$ _____ |
| Guest(s): _____ | TOTAL Enclosed: \$ <input type="text"/> |
| 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: | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Set Up | <input type="checkbox"/> Food Prep |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Greeter | <input type="checkbox"/> Pourer |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Registration |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Clean Up |
| Please clip & mail with your check to: Yakima Enological Society - P.O. Box 2395, Yakima, WA 98907 All Reservations must be paid for in advance and are NON REFUNDABLE! | |





Yakima Enological Society

Membership Renewal

Mail completed application with check to:
 Yakima Enological Society
 PO Box 2395
 Yakima, WA 98907

Application

Name _____ Home Phone: (____) _____
 Name _____ E-mail: _____
 Address: _____ Newsletter by email Yes ___ No ___
 City: _____ State : _____ Zip : _____

PLEASE NOTE: Law requires members to be of legal age

I would like to help with:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Food preparation for tastings | <input type="checkbox"/> Wine research for tastings |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Greeting and guest registration | <input type="checkbox"/> Pouring wine/serving food |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Organizing a tasting | <input type="checkbox"/> Providing location for a tasting |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Board membership/planning | <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter preparation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Writing/Finding articles for newsletter | <input type="checkbox"/> Sharing my wine knowledge at tastings - handouts/talks/slides |

Membership is non-transferable. Minors are not permitted at tastings.

Annual Dues: \$25 ___ Couple \$15 ___ Single

PAST PRESIDENTS' DAY
 at
The Seafood & Wine Festival
Newport, OR

Three past-presidents of the Yakima Enological Society and spouses joined forces to enjoy the 25th annual Seafood & Wine Festival in Newport (2/22-2/24/02).

It was certainly encouraging for the future of the Pacific Northwest wine industry to see the large crowd of enthusiastic young wine-drinkers in attendance, sampling predominately Oregon wines (especially Pinot Noirs) and a variety of regional seafood dishes.

Pay no attention to any rumors (substantiated or otherwise) about Chuck and the Newport police department – we all had a great time. If you plan to attend next year's festival, Friday and Sunday are less crowded than Saturday. Avoid the long (1 ½ hour) ticket line and parking constraints by buying your tickets in advance and making use of one of the readily available shuttle buses.

Greetings and best wishes to all of you from the Seamans and the Shetterlys. We miss you!

*Marge and Bob Seaman
 Julie and Chuck Johnson
 Lois and Eric Shetterly*