

Membership Update

New Y.E.S. members this month are **Stephani R. Kinney** and **Mick McDonald**. Welcome!



Forty-two members have renewed so far for the new event year beginning March 2013.

If you have not renewed or did not receive a renewal letter, contact Y.E.S. at contact@yakimawine.org or go to the Y.E.S. website and print the membership form and mail to Y.E.S. P.O. Box 2395 Yakima, WA 98907.

~ **Gerry Amos**
Y.E.S. 1st V.P./Membership

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

April 13...

Platinum XI Annual Dinner
Yakima Country Club

May 8...

Summer Cocktails
Treveri Sagelands

June 12...

In the spirit of Downton Abbey, a turn-of-the-last-century picnic and tasting. Venue TBA

~ **Robin Kisala**

Y.E.S. Annual Potluck and Business Meeting

You are cordially invited to the acclaimed annual potluck and business meeting of the Yakima Enological Society. This event is easy on the wallet as we share our signature potluck-style dishes, from appetizers to desserts. Board members will supply wines, including their personal favorites and some from this past year's tastings, plus a case of Yakima Valley Vintners 2009 Campus Blend Red Wine. Featured at this event will be visiting charter members of the club, which began in 1986. Trent Ball and his students at the YVCC Vineyard and Winery Technology Program will also be recognized. A short and lively meeting, including the election of new board members, will follow dinner.

As always, we look to our membership for suggestions for future wine tastings, venues, food pairings, and any manner of wine education topics, so bring your ideas with you. Be a part of the fun this March 13th. Bring your favorite potluck item, a wine glass, and a friend!



Date: Wednesday, March 13th

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Place: Yakima Valley Museum

Cost: \$10.00 — Charter members, no charge

Bring: A potluck dish, a wine glass and a friend!

Registrations must be postmarked by Friday, March 8. Online registrations must be completed by midnight on March 10. Phone in registrations to Marie Clark at 697-3364 until 8 p.m. on March 11.

~ **Jill Skone**

February Recap: Italian Feast

If the amount of food consumed is any indication, the February Feast was a success. Can you believe we went through several GALLONS of red sauce?!

Nearly 65 members and their guests enjoyed linguine with marinara, pesto cream, and Alfredo sauce accompanied by a variety of Italian wines handpicked by Brad Baldwin of Stems. In addition to a light dessert, guests were also treated to a tasting of Limoncello, a

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Eat this...

...Drink that



*Recipe submitted by Robin Kisala
Wine suggested by Brad Baldwin*

This month's recipe: **Black Magic Cake** paired with **Airfield Estates 2009 Dolcetto Yakima Valley**. Retail price: \$28. Y.E.S. price \$22 at Stems in downtown Yakima.

Black Magic Cake

1 $\frac{3}{4}$ c. flour
2 c. sugar
 $\frac{3}{4}$ c. cocoa
2 t. baking soda
1 t. baking powder
1 t. salt
2 eggs
1 c. strong black coffee
1 c. buttermilk
 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. vegetable oil
1 t. vanilla

Combine flour, sugar, cocoa, baking soda, baking powder, and salt in a large bowl. Add eggs, coffee, buttermilk, oil, and vanilla. Beat at medium speed for 2 minutes. (Batter will be thin.) Pour into greased and floured 13 x 9 inch pan.

Bake at 350 degrees F. for 35 to 40 minutes, or until toothpick inserted into the center comes out clean.

Serving suggestion: This is a fairly dense cake that needs no frosting. When cool, cut into 2- or 3-inch squares. Serve with a dollop of sweetened whipped cream.

Recipe: Connie Throssel

PLATINUM XI

Your Platinum committee has finished the final touches in preparation for our 11th Annual Platinum Tasting, to be held on April 13, 2013 at the Yakima Country Club. Last year's event was truly spectacular and we think this year's event will be even better. The list of wines—19 this year—and the food pairings have been put together and will be available on our website. This year we have six wines that won a Double Platinum award and 13 wines that won Platinum.

Some of the highlights of this year's event include:

★ Only one winery won two Double Platinum awards, and that was **Wild Goose** from Canada. They will attend and will bring both of their Double Platinum winners.

★ **Gehring Brothers Estate Winery** in Oliver, British Columbia won seven Platinum awards this year and has won a total of 32 Platinum awards over the past 12 years—more than any other winery in the competition. They will also join us again this year.

★ Winemaker Robert Smasne won four Platitudes this year for three different wineries: **Smasne Cellars, Skylight Cellars and Northwest Cellars**. We will serve two of the four winners at our dinner, and Robert will host a winemakers table. He has won eight Platitudes in the last two years.

For the evening we will serve five wines; two whites and three reds during the Winemakers Reception, along with flying fish caviar, house-made lamb sausage roll and Dungeness crab cocktails. The first course will feature a wild orange roughy accompanied by Pinot Gris. The second course will feature Poussin Osso Bucco accompanied with an interesting mix of dry white wines. The third course will feature a Kobe wagyu tenderloin medallion accompanied by Malbec wines. The fourth course will be spring lamb chops with a course of Syrahs, and lastly a roasted hazelnut croquant flan with some very interesting dessert wines.

As in years past, we will have a silent auction during the reception, with beautiful baskets by Bev Warren, and a live auction of wines, dinners and two Platinum judging slots up for bids during the course of the evening. Proceeds from this event will again

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go to wine industry scholarships at Yakima Valley Community College and WSU Tri Cities School of Enology.

Sponsoring winemakers tables this year are: **Coyote Canyon Winery, Mellisoni Vineyards, Zerba Cellars, Wild Goose and Smasne Cellars**. If you have shared winemakers tables in the past you already know some of these winery owners and winemakers have very interesting backgrounds and stories to share with their tables. So consider upgrading this year to a winemaker table to have a special wine evening experience, including a bottle of wine to take home.

The ticket cost remains the same as last year at \$130 per person for a regular table and \$150 for the winemakers tables if the tickets are purchased prior to March 15th. After March 15th the cost goes to \$145 and \$165 per person. So order your tickets now as you only have a couple of weeks left before the price goes up. The best and easiest way to get tickets is to go to our website www.yakimawine.org, go to the Platinum event, click on "Brown Paper Tickets" and use your credit card.

This event is only open to members of the Yakima Enological Society and the Yakima County Club and invited guests, so invite your friends and neighbors and enjoy one of the premier wine events in the Pacific Northwest.

~ **Chuck Johnson**

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traditional Italian lemon liqueur made of lemon peels steeped in grain alcohol, then mixed with simple syrup. What a way to top off an evening! Fortunately we had enough pasta prepared so we didn't have to cook and eat the centerpieces, as **Sally Baldwin** suggested!



Special thanks go to **Sharynn Hosier** and **Michelle Smith** for organizing the event and all the Y.E.S. members who helped make clean-up a breeze, especially **Merilee Buehler** for manning the dishwasher! Organizers encourage both new and long-time members to plan an event for the club. It's not nearly as difficult as one might imagine and the Yakima Valley Museum provides all the dishes, cutlery, tables and chairs; Y.E.S. handles the rest. How about tapas and Rioja? Champagne and strawberries? Step up and help the club!

~ **Michelle Smith**

What: Annual Potluck and Business Meeting

When: Wed., March. 13 — 6:30 p.m.

Where: Yakima Valley Museum

Yes, we'll be there...

Name(s) _____

Name(s) _____

Phone: _____

Important: Please include your phone number.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE

Postmarked by March 8, 2013

Or pay online at the Y.E.S. website

by MIDNIGHT, MARCH 10, 2013

www.yakimawine.org

Members ----- @ \$10 = \$ _____

Guests ----- @ \$10 = \$ _____

Charter members, no charge

Total Enclosed: \$ _____

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

___ Set Up ___ Food Prep ___ Registration ___ Greeter ___ Pourer ___ Clean Up

Please clip and mail this form with your check to: Yakima Enological Society, PO Box 2395, Yakima WA 98907

All reservations must be paid for in advance and are NON REFUNDABLE

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President's Corner

March 2013



You ask, "Why, again, would I want to renew my membership to the Yakima Enological Society?" Well, I am so glad you asked!! With every newspaper article, magazine advertisement, or brochure covering the amazing growth in the wine industry, why would we not want to be an active part of it?

When you consider that Yakima has 30 years under its belt as a designated American Viticulture Area-- and was the first in the Pacific Northwest—and consider the United States has close to 8,000 wineries with some sort of wine production in all 50 states... of course you want to be a part of it! Further intriguing is the fact that we are not raising our dues. Membership in the Yakima Enological Society is still a reasonable \$40.00 per couple or \$25.00 per individual for a year of socializing, entertaining, and educational events -- all enjoyed while sipping wonderful wines. And if that's not enough, consider the "feel-good" sense of helping our club support the wine industry through our ongoing scholarship benefit program for the Yakima Valley Community College Vineyard and Winery Technology Program.

I am happy to wait while you dash off to get your checkbook! Not only do we want you back, we want you to invite your friends.

~ **Sally Baldwin, President**

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Platinum XI Dinner Reservation

Saturday, April 13, 2013 ~ Yakima Country Club

6:00 pm ~ Winemakers 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 Winemakers table, the table will be limited to eight, as you will be seated with a winemaker and their 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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| 9. Name: _____ | Phone or email: _____ |
| 10. Name: _____ | Phone or email: _____ |

Early Bird (must be postmarked by March 15)

Regular seating - \$130/person: Number of Attendees: _____ @ \$130 = _____

Winemakers Table - \$150/person: Number of Attendees: _____ @ \$150 = _____

After March 15

Regular seating - \$145/person: Number of Attendees: _____ @ \$145 = _____

Winemakers Table - \$165/person: Number of Attendees: _____ @ \$165 = _____

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:
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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 XI link under Upcoming Events.

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