



# Swig\* Times



## Valley of the Moon Dilettante Enological Society Newsletter August, 2006

President: Michael Muscardini, 939-9848

Secretary/Treasurer: Doug Ghiselin, 996-8967

Vice President & Winemaster: Jack Bertram, 938-2310

### Meeting of August 10, 2006

President Muscardini called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM. There were 22 members present. Several more arrived as the meeting was in progress.

### Old Business:

1. Discussions with respect to our future participation with the Vintage Festival and the Home Winemakers competition were held in abeyance. We will address this issue this Winter. Members Dennis Przybycien and Annie Falandes were co-chairs for the event this year. We will get their feedback when we discuss this issue in the Winter.

2. President Muscardini provided an update on the planning of our "Classic". The event will be held in the patio area behind the Swiss Hotel on Saturday, Oct. 14. Please see the ACTION ITEMS at the end of this newsletter. We need members to volunteer to serve on "coordination panels". Please call the listed chair person for the panel you are willing to serve on **We have three priorities at this time. The first is to finalize our "graphics", the second is ticket sales and the third is to identify those who want to pour. Member Kukshtel is working on our graphics. We hope to have something finalized within a week. Bruce Stephens is coordinating sales. Contact him to let him know how many tickets you can sell. Rich Brooks is coordinating pouring. Pourers will be asked to donate a minimum of three bottles of wine to the silent auction. Pourers will need approximately 9 bottles for pouring. We have space for a maximum of 40 pourers. Contact Rich**

**Brooks to reserve your place. After August 26<sup>th</sup>, non-VOMDES members will be offered a chance to pour if space is available**

3. There was no update discussion regarding the vineyard at the Vallejo Home. Item will be held open.. Committee to pursue this item is Dennis Przybycien(chair), Ghiselin, Trotta and Carroll are committee members.

4. President Muscardini thank members Sciocchetti and Trotta for setting up our picnic at the Moon Mountain Vineyards. It was reported that those present had a good time despite the heat.

### New Business

1. In the interest of time, we did not appoint a Christmas Party committee. **The Christmas Party will be held at the Herrick's barn on Sunday, Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>.** Committee members will be appointed at our next meeting.

2. Two sources of available grapes were identified. Approximately 1 ton of zinfandel is available from John Early. Interested parties should call him at 996-4616. Price was not discussed. Also, Bob Fabian has about ¾ ton of merlot available in small quantities at 65 cents a pound.

3. Pres. Muscardini discussed the Sonoma County Harvest Fair Amateur Wine Contest. Call 545-4203 for additional info.

## **Treasurers Report**

We have a balance of \$2322.62

## **VOMDES Calendar**

Sept/Oct/Nov Business meeting

Dec. Holiday Party

## **ACTION ITEMS**

### **Sonoma Valley Home Wine Makers Celebration**

The Steering Committee (Doug Ghiselin, Jack Bertram, Michael Muscardini, Bruce Stephens, Chris Kukshel, and Tracy Walker from the Boosters) for the Sonoma Valley Home Wine Makers Celebration has established the following:

Date of Event: October 14

Time of Event: 3:00 to 6:00 PM

Location of Event: Swiss Hotel Patio

Number of pourers: 40

Cost per person: \$35

Target Ticket Sales: 300

At a previous VOMDES meeting, we obtained volunteers to assist with the details of the event. We have established the following sub-committees and have taken the liberty of assigning volunteers to each sub-committee. If you have volunteered for one function and have been assigned to another, please take on the challenge of the assignment. If you feel you can not tackle the assignment, please contact a steering committee member for reassignment. Sub-committees are responsible for developing detailed and specific action items they will take and to report to the steering committee. The steering committee request that sub-committees go into much more detail than they think is needed. We have only eight weeks 'til the event and we can't afford any hic-up's!!

**LOGISTICS COORDINATION:**

Chairman: Doug Ghiselin  
Members: Pat Collins, Anne Falandes, Michael Mulcahy,  
Sal Troia

**SALES COORDINATION:**

Chairman: Bruce Stephens  
Members: Tracey Walker, Byron Nichols, Chris Kukshel\*.  
\*Chris has volunteered to be our "graphics" expert as well. So we put such things as ticket printing, advertising posters, etc. under sales as we felt it was time to sell tickets and not time to promote sales!

**BOOSTER'S COORDINATOR**

Chairwoman: Tracy Walker. She will organize workers for the event.

**SILENT AUCTION COORDINATOR**

Chairman: Jack Bertram  
Homewine donations: Carole and Don McLain  
Commercial wine donations: Vicke Scharnikow and Mike Cooper  
Special events: Jack Bertram and Silvano Payne

**POURING COORDINATOR**

Chairman: Rich Brooks  
Members: Please volunteer to help. Also, we have received four inquiries from non-VOMDES members requesting to pour. Members need to discuss this issue at our Thursday meeting.