



# Swig\* Times



## Valley of the Moon Dilettante Enological Society Newsletter January, 2007

President: Michael Muscardini, 939-9848

Secretary/Treasurer: Doug Ghiselin, 996-8967

Vice President & Winemaster: Jack Bertram, 938-2310

### Meeting of January 11, 2007

Vice-President Bertram called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.. We had 20+ members and one guest

#### Old Business:

1. After much discussion at the November meeting, it was moved, seconded and approved that we would send a letter to the Vintage Festival Committee advising them that the club would not be coordinating this Home Winemakers Competition in 2007 and beyond. The club voted to hold a wine competition in conjunction with the 2007 Home Winemakers Celebration. The letter to the Vintage Festival Committee has not been sent.

2. Vice-president Bertram acknowledged the article in the Sonoma Sun regarding the presentation of our check to the Sonoma High School Boosters Association. He appointed member Chris Kukshtel as the Chair for the 2007 Home Winemakers Celebration. Chairman Kukshtel scheduled a committee meeting for Thursday, January 18<sup>th</sup>, at the Swiss Hotel at 7:30 pm.

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. The Christmas party was reported as a great success. A big thank you to Frank and Midge

Herrick, Bobbie Collins and Carole McLain for their efforts. Member Sal Troia was assigned to develop our options with respect to what to do with the money generated by the silent auction and raffle. Recommendation will be provided at our February meeting.

5. Al Milotich is looking for club members who would like to join in a group purchase of shrink on capsules. Call him at 933-9963 if interested.

6. Al Milotich is also in need of 15 gallons of Zinfandel. Call him if you can help with either juice or grapes.

#### New Business

1. Vice-President Bertram appointed members Will Hansen, Sal Troia and Don McLain to the nominating committee. They will report out at our February meeting.

2. Vice-President Bertram appointed members Al Miotich (chairman), Bill Harris and Mitchell Shapiro to the audit committee. They will report out at our February meeting.

3. Member Milotich discussed the Unified Wine & Grape Symposium to be held in Sacramento later this month. The symposium features three days of program sessions and a two-day trade show Visit the web for the symposium,

[www.unifiedsymposium.org/home.htm](http://www.unifiedsymposium.org/home.htm), for additional information.

### **Treasurers Report**

We have a balance of \$3019.93

### **For Sale**

Member Ghiselin has several 5 gallon carboys for sale at \$10 each.

### **VOMDES Calendar**

Feb. Business meeting. Nominating committee report  
Mar. Business meeting. Elect Officers. Pay dues  
Apr. Business meeting. Install new officers. Appoint picnic and winery visit committees.  
May Winery Visit  
June Business meeting  
July Annual picnic  
Aug Business meeting. Appoint Christmas Party committee.  
Sept/Oct/Nov Business meeting  
Dec Christmas party.

