



# Swig\* Times



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

President: Jack Bertram, 938-2310

Secretary/Treasurer: Doug Ghiselin, 996-8967

Vice President & Winemaker: Vickie Scharnicow, 933-4400

### Meeting of March 8, 2007

President Muscardini called the meeting to order at 7:30. We had 30+ members present 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. President Muscardini and Vice-Pres. Bertram will prepare the letter to the Vintage Festival Committee.

2. Chris Kuskhtel gave a status report on efforts to date for the 2007 Celebration. There are several sub-committees now established. Chris reported no need for primary committee meeting at this time.

3. Member Sal Troia reported that he had spoken to Elizabeth Kemp, Board Chair of Vineyard Workers Services. They have regrouped, recently hired a new director. Sal will arrange for the presentation of the \$1500 check

4. The audit committee, consisting of Al Miotich (chairman), Bill Harris and Mitchell Shapiro, has not met. Committee will report out at next meeting.

6. Jack Bertram (President), Vicky Schrnikow (Vice-President) and Doug Ghiselin (Secretary/Treasurer) were unanimously elected..

### New Business

1. Pres. Bertram discussed our participation in the Olivepalooza event on Saturday, Feb. 17<sup>th</sup> at the Barracks on the Square. He reported that the event was quite successful and that we achieved great publicity.

2. Rich Brooks noted during our discussions regarding the Vineyard Workers Services that the club may want to embark on a community service venture wherein we place collection barrels at various locations and encourage folks to drop off donations of food and clothing. This subject will be discussed with Ms. Kemp.

### Treasurers Report

We have a balance of \$2442.22

### VOMDES Calendar

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.

## **Speaker**

Our speaker was Chris Sawyer, Sommelier at The Lodge at Sonoma. Chris is a graduate of U.C. Davis and has studied under three Master Sommeliers. At The Lodge he maintains a large cellar of Sonoma County wines, as well of wines from around the world. He spoke on how he matches a clients wine choice with the food the client has ordered. He was very big on Sonoma County Pinot Noir. He noted that the various soil types and micro climates within Sonoma County allow wine makers to create Pinots that range from very light soft wines to very heavy robust wines and as such Pinot can be matched with practically all foods.

