



AMERICAN WINE SOCIETY  
YEARS OF WINE DISCOVERY

March - 2018

**To:** Members of the CARROLL COUNTY MD CHAPTER/AMERICAN WINE SOCIETY  
**From:** Jerry Hampton, Chapter Chair

Hello everyone! We've got another fantastic tasting shaping up for March ... PLUS ... back by popular demand (actually, I made that part up), our Annual Business Meeting, too. But I'm getting ahead of myself. First, let's talk about the wine tasting for March.

Now that we've turned the corner on winter and are heading rapidly towards spring, we've got the perfect wine tasting theme for March. The theme is: **Young, Fun, Wines for Spring**. This tasting will feature some great wines that are light, fun wines, ready to drink this spring. The tasting will feature wines from a variety of countries and will include three whites and three reds – something for everyone! The March tasting will be at the home of **Eileen and Richard Sien**, Sunday March 18<sup>th</sup> at 2 PM.

Our wine presenter will be Michael Sien, who has done a wonderful job presenting for our group the past several years. Michael is Eileen's brother-in-law, and is a long-time restaurateur who has worked with many top Mid Atlantic area wine luminaries. This, indeed, sounds like a fun tasting, perfect for this time of year. Don't miss it!

Please RSVP by March 14 via phone or email.

*As always: Please don't forget to bring an entrée, appetizer, or dessert to share!*

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### **Annual Business Meeting March 18<sup>th</sup> 1 PM**

As mentioned above, we will hold our annual business meeting at 1 PM immediately prior to the March tasting at Eileen's house. The primary agenda item will be voting on updated bylaws for our chapter. The proposed updated bylaws are shown at the end of this newsletter, with changes shown in red. Note that some of these changes reflect current practice and were voted on previously but were never incorporated in updated bylaws. Our existing bylaws, which have not been updated since 1995, are included as an attachment. Please read over the proposed bylaws prior to the meeting and come prepared to discuss and vote.

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## ***Last Month's News***

Thanks again to the Grillons for opening their home to us last month, and to Robert Horrocks for giving us a fascinating look at trends in wine for Millenials. This was a really creative and interesting theme. And the wines were excellent.

The voting results from the tasting are shown below:

<b>Wine</b>	<b>Retail Price (\$)</b>	<b>Number of Votes</b>
Warm Up Juve Camps Brut Cava	17.00	1
True Myth Chardonnay 2015	16.00	0
Villa Wolf Pinot Noir 2015	19.99	2
Quinta do Crasto Douro Red 2015	12.00	2
Robert Sinskey POV Los Carneros Napa 2013	45.00 to 50.00	10
Red Schooner Voyage 5, 2014	49.99	11 (Winner - reds)
Southern Belle Red Blend	22.00	1

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## ***Miscellaneous***

**Member Wine Discounts:** The following establishments offer discounts to AWS members – College Square Liquors and Cranberry Liquors in Westminster, Main Street Liquors, Hampstead, and Total Discount Liquors, Eldersburg.

**Chapter and AWS Dues:** Please don't forget to pay your national AWS and local chapter dues.

Local dues: \$10 per household

National dues: \$49 (individual); \$62 (household)

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## ***2018 Tasting Schedule***

<b>Month</b>	<b>House Host</b>	<b>Wine Host</b>	<b>Theme</b>
January	Doc & Roxanne Desai	Bernie Vogel	Burgundy with Bernie
February	George & Jackie Grillon	Robert Horrocks	Exploring Trends in Wines with the Rise of Millenials
March	Eileen Sien	Michael Sien	Young, Fun Wines for Spring
April	John & Ann Carr	John Carr	TBD
May	Frank & Dolores Batavik	Nan Slick	TBD
June	Ron & Linda Riley	Pat Valas	National Tasting: Wines of Portugal
July	George & Jackie Grillon	N/A	Picnic
August	Jerry & Dorothy Hampton	Dorothy Hampton	TBD

September	Simone & Peter Haslauer	Leroy Stewart	TBD
October	Robert & Kelly Horrocks	Ron Riley	Sicilian Wines
November	Bill & Michele Sadler	Nan Slick	TBD
December	Corynne Courpas	John Landon	Champagne soiree

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## ***Proposed New Bylaws***

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### **BYLAWS CARROLL COUNTY CHAPTER, AMERICAN WINE SOCIETY (Revised March, 2018)**

#### **ARTICLE I RELATIONSHIP TO AWS BYLAWS**

**Section 1.** The bylaws in this document pertain specifically to the local Carroll County chapter of the American Wine Society (CAWS). In those cases where topics are not specifically addressed in these local bylaws, the Chapter will defer to the national AWS bylaws.

#### **ARTICLE II OFFICERS**

**Section 1.** The officers of the local chapter shall consist of Chairperson, Treasurer, and Secretary. No two offices may be held by the same person.

**Section 2. Chairperson.** The chapter chairperson shall preside at all monthly tastings, ensure that there are monthly wine and house hosts, produce and disseminate monthly chapter newsletters, and interface with the National AWS chapter.

**Section 3. Treasurer.** The treasurer shall oversee all financial aspects of the chapter, and shall determine the tasting price at each monthly tasting, collect tasting costs, and keep a record of any surplus or deficit of spending. The treasurer shall report on the financial status of the chapter yearly.

**Section 4. Secretary.** The chapter secretary shall perform such duties as the chairperson and treasurer determine. Such duties may include but are not limited to a) taking notes during each tasting; b) coordinating the logistics at each tasting; and c) sending thank you notes to the house and wine hosts each month.

#### **ARTICLE III NATIONAL AWS MEMBERSHIP**

**Section 1.** The following policies address the role and relationship of the National AWS.

1. Membership in the National and this local chapter is required after 3 visits (during the year).
2. We will continue to use the AWS rating form with a separate wine list.
3. The current chairperson of the local chapter will be the contact to the National chapter.

## **ARTICLE IV ATTENDANCE**

**Section 1.** The following policies pertain to attendance at the local chapter tastings.

1. Membership in this chapter is of a household nature – spouses are also members.
2. Unattached members may bring a guest.
3. Members may bring guests to the tasting after checking with the chairperson or house host as to the number of members attending that particular tasting.
4. The number of attendees at a tasting will number from 30 to 40, but may decrease or increase in deference to the house host.

## **ARTICLE V MEETINGS**

**Section 1. Annual Meetings.** The chapter chairperson shall conduct an annual business meeting each year at the March tasting or whenever is deemed appropriate by the chapter Officers.

**Section 2. Special Meetings.** Special meetings may be called by the Chairperson or, in the case of the Chairperson's absence or incapacity, by the other Officers.

## **ARTICLE VI TASTING GUIDELINES**

**Section 1.** The following are guidelines to be followed at the monthly tastings.

1. The primary goal for each tasting is wine education within a social environment.
2. Tasting will begin promptly at 2:00 PM.
3. Wine education will be presented at the beginning of the tasting, lasting approximately 1 – 1 ½ hours.
4. The number of wines tasted will be limited to six; a warm up is at the discretion of the wine host.
5. The food served during the tasting will be basic palette cleansing fare with the more creative dishes served after the lecture.

## **ARTICLE VII COSTS AND FOOD**

**Section 1.** The following guidelines pertain to the cost of the monthly tastings and the food offered at these tastings.

1. The maximum cost of each tasting per person will be **\$25.00**, with a food allowance of \$2.00. If the tasting per person cost is anticipated to exceed **\$25.00**, it will be noted in the newsletter.
2. The House Host will provide the basic wine tasting food (bread, cheese)
3. House Host / Food Host will keep all receipts to be given to the treasurer for reimbursement.
4. **Chapter Officers, house hosts, and wine host shall not be responsible for paying the monthly tasting fee.**

5. Members shall pay the treasurer promptly at each tasting.

**ARTICLE VIII  
MEMBERSHIP**

**Section 1. Eligibility.** Membership in the CCAWS chapter shall be open to persons, twenty-one years of age or older, who are genuinely interested in the purposes of the AWS.

**Section 2. Resignation or Removal.** Any Officer may resign by submitting a written resignation. Any member may be removed from membership by a majority vote of the members cast at any annual meeting or at any special meeting of the members called for that purpose or by majority vote of the Officers at any regular or special meeting, for conduct deemed prejudicial to the Chapter.