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

Happy New Year everyone! I hope each of you had a good holiday season and emerged relatively unscathed. I wish everybody a happy and healthy 2019.

We've got a great year ahead of us wine-wise, and to start things off I couldn't be more pleased that we will have Janine Wilson serving as our wine host for January. This will be Janine's first time as the wine host, so I want to thank her in advance for volunteering.

The January tasting is entitled: **Reliable Reds**, which is a great theme for this group knowing how much we love our reds and also because big reds go so well with cold weather. As the title of our tasting suggests, Janine will be sharing some great red wines she has discovered over the past decade that you can reliably count on for quality and value. Dorothy and I were fortunate to be invited to help Janine taste and pick some of the wines for this tasting, and I can promise you that you won't be disappointed. So come out and help us discuss the characteristics that make these wines so appealing.

The January tasting will be held on **January 20 at 2:00 PM** at **Jerry and Dorothy Hampton's home**. Please RSVP Jerry Hampton (that's me) by **January 16** via email or by phone.

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

Last Month's News

Our chapter held its annual Holiday Champagne Extravaganza last month on December 9th and it was a great time as usual. I'd like to offer a special thanks to our generous house host, Corynne Courpas, for once again opening her home for our annual champagne tasting. I also want to thank John Landon and Mike Bareford from College

Square Liquors for leading our tasting and supplying the excellent selection of champagnes.

Speaking of thanks, I also want to acknowledge all who made contributions to the American Wine Society Education Fund (AWSEF). Thanks to all of you for your generosity in supporting a worthy cause. And finally, a special offer of gratitude is due to Kelly Horrocks and Tracey Koch for once again preparing the baskets this year. The basket winners were as follows:

- #1 Peggy Payne
- #2 John Pardoe
- #3 Margaret & Richard Nicolaus
- #4 Charles & Roseanne Hedges
- #5 Joe & Lynn Breeding
- #6 George & Jackie Grillon

The Silent Auction Basket donated by Dean and Becky Wilson was won by Doc and Roxanne Desai. Congratulations to all of you!

Finally, I'd like to share that our Chapter's total contribution to the American Wine Society Education Fund (AWSEF) this year is \$975.00. With this contribution, our Chapter's AWSEF fund currently totals \$3140.53. Once we reach \$3500.00, a scholarship will be awarded in the name of Bill and Barb Eisberg, so we should easily pass that threshold with this coming year's campaign. Again, thank you to all who participated.

Now for the voting results from this year's champagne tasting:

Wine	Retail Cost	Number of Votes
Roederer Estate Brut (1.5L) – warm up	\$65.99	8 (Overall winner)
Collet Brut Art Deco	\$49.99	15 (White winner)
Delamotte Brut	\$44.99	4
Besserat de Bellefon Brut	\$49.99	10
Collet Brut Rose	\$59.99	10
Jeeper Brut Grand Rose	\$79.99	18 (Rose winner)
Ruinart Brut Rose	\$99.99	14

Miscellaneous

Chapter and AWS Dues: Please don't forget to pay your national AWS and local chapter dues. You can pay the national dues by mail or online. The AWS website is <https://www.americanwinesociety.org/page/renewyourmembership>.

Chapter dues should be submitted to John Landon. Please let me or John Landon know if you have any questions.

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.

2019 Tasting Schedule

Below is our nascent schedule for this year. As you can see we have a lot of TBDs for the themes, but they will get filled in soon, I'm sure. I've also included a lot of names for house and wine hosts based on this year. However, I've put question marks next to those people I haven't yet spoken to yet, so don't be alarmed if you see your name and can't or don't want to serve in the hosting role. I'll be reaching out shortly to confirm with everyone.

Month	House Host	Wine Host	Theme
January 1/20/19	Jerry & Dorothy Hampton	Janine Wilson	Reliable Reds
February 2/12 or 2/24	George & Jackie Grillon	Robert Horrocks	TBD
March 3/17/19	Eileen Sien	Michael Sien	Hidden Gem Varietals Annual Meeting beforehand
April 4/21/19	John & Ann Carr	John Carr	TBD
May 5/19/19	Frank & Dolores Batavik	Nan Slick??	TBD
June 6/9 or 6/16	Ron & Linda Riley	Pat Valas ??	National Tasting
July 7/21/19	George & Jackie Grillon	N/A	Picnic
August 8/18/19	Jerry & Dorothy Hampton	Jerry & Dorothy Hampton	Greek Wines??
September 9/22/19	Lynn and Joe Breeding??	Leroy Stewart & Simone Haslauer	TBD
October 10/20/19	Robert & Kelly Horrocks??	TBD	TBD
November 11/17/18	Bill & Michele Sadler ??	Nan Slick??	TBD
December 12/8/19	Corynne Courpas??	John Landon	Champagne Soiree