



April - 2020

**To:** Members of the CARROLL COUNTY MD CHAPTER/AMERICAN WINE SOCIETY

**From:** Corynne Courpas, Chapter Chair

Hi all,

I think we would all agree that this is the most unusual time we have experienced. Thankful that I have WINE.

I have spoken to all the parties concerned (plus some able guidance from our other officers) and here is the plan. We will be cancelling our April gathering.

If we are able to meet in May, we will gather at Simone Haslauer's home with Doc Desai as our wine host. Since that tasting was further along in the planning, it seemed the prudent thing to do. That being said, we do have doubts that May will be safe. Should we still not be in the clear, we will revisit around May1.

Thanks to Doc, Simone, Nan and the Batavicks for your flexibility.

We will call for RSVP's (or not) in the May Newsletter.

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

For now here's what we did in March. It seems so long ago, doesn't it?

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

We started off our day with our annual business meeting. For the record I am happy we got that in before our "hiatus". Here are notes from our wonderful Secretary, Nan!

Dues- National and local are due (President's note: we appear to be in good shape. Contact John for local or me for National if you have questions)

Scholarship Dedication- Will be in memory of our great friend Peter Haslauer.

Treasurer's Report- \$808.85

Chair Emeritus- We have created this new role and Jerry Hampton will serve in the position. (My note: I am so thankful for this assistance already and as we move through these uncharted times.)

Vice Chair position- A motion was made by Dorothy Hampton to establish. This person will transition into Chairperson when 2 year term is completed. Seconded by Corynne. Vote called by Becky Wilson and was agreed by the majority.

Information/Materials to incoming Chair- Mark Wilson and Jerry Hampton will develop a system to expedite transfer of membership list, etc. to incoming Chair.

Chapter growth- Last year a committee (Kelly Horrocks, Tracy Koch, Eileen Sien, Lynn Breeding and Corynne) was formed to develop ideas for chapter growth. Corynne will evaluate the status of that committee.

Should event e mails be sent to the Chapter? - group voted Yes

Chapter News- In order for our Tastings to be reported in the National Chapter Newsletter, a copy of our local newsletter will be sent to National. Ron Riley and Nancy Slick will figure this out!

National Tasting Project- the date will remain in June on Father's Day.

Cheers,  
Nan

Now on to the March tasting notes.

What a great day hosted by Eileen and Michael! The team tasting challenge was indeed, challenging, but more importantly FUN. All got in the spirit for sure. Nan apologizes but she neglected to record which team got the most points. I have a recollection, but not specific. I am happy to report at a later date if that team wants to claim the Crown 😊

And now for a review of the March results 😊

<b>Wine</b>	<b>Retail Price (\$)</b>	<b>Number of Votes</b>
Warm up Mumm Napa Brut CA	\$18.99	5
Val do Sosego 2018 Albarino Spain	\$15.99	6 WINNER
Dr. Heidemann's Bergweller Reisling 2018 Germany	\$16.99	1
Louis Latour Pinot Noir 2017 Burgundy	\$20.49	0
Cline Pinot Noir 2018 CA	\$16.59	0
Dom. Bousquet Cameleon Malbec 2018 Argentina	\$13.99	2
Truett Hurst Zinfandel 2017 CA	\$24.99	9 WINNER



Figure 1:(From Left) Michael, Deborah, Jerry, Deb, Jackie, Corynne, Eileen



Figure 2 Michael and Eileen

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## ***Chapter and AWS Dues***

Please don't forget to pay your national AWS and chapter dues for 2020. I have received an updated roster for the National. If you have any questions about your current status, please reach out. Chapter dues are only \$10 per household, payable to CCAWS. You can pay John Landon in person at a tasting or mail it to him.

National AWS dues are as follows:

For one person - \$49 (for 1 year); \$124 (for 3 years)

For two people at same address - \$62 (for 1 year); \$158 (for 3 years).

To pay national AWS dues online, go to <http://americanwinesociety.org/join-now/> to join or renew your membership.

**Please keep in mind AWS requires that everyone who participates in AWS activities, which includes local chapter tastings, must be AWS members. Non-members and guests can only attend two times per year.**

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## ***Member Wine Discounts***

The following establishments offer discounts to AWS members –

- College Square Liquors, Westminster
- Cranberry Liquors, Westminster
- Main Street Liquors, Hampstead
- Total Discount Liquors, Eldersburg
- Total Wine

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## **2020 Tasting Schedule**

<b>Month</b>	<b>House Host</b>	<b>Wine Host</b>	<b>Theme</b>
January 1/19/20	Jerry & Dorothy Hampton	Janine Wilson	Rioja wines
February 2/16/20	"Vacation"		
March 3/8/20	Eileen Sien	Michael Sien	Team Tasting Challenge
April 4/19/20	Postponed		
May 5/17/20 TENTATIVE	Simone Haslauer	Doc Desai	Douro Valley Wines
June 6/21/20	Ron & Linda Riley	Pat Valas	<b>National Tasting: Expanding &amp; Exciting! Washington State AVAs, featuring Ste. Michelle Wine Estates Washington Portfolio</b>
July 7/19/20	George & Jackie Grillon	N/A	Picnic
August 8/16/20	Mark & Donna Dougherty	Robert Horrocks	TBD
September 9/20/20	Joe & Lynn Breeding	Simone Haslauer & Leroy Stewart	TBD
October 10/18/20	Robert & Kelly Horrocks	Tracy Koch and Meggan Robinson (TBD)	TBD
November 11/22/20	Bill & Michele Sadler (TBD)	Nan Slick (TBD)	TBD
December 12/13/20	Corynne Courpas (TBD)	John Landon (TBD)	Champagne Soiree