

## *PRESIDENT'S CORNER*

*Happy New Year Everyone!*

Each time when I crank out one of these letters to our club, I like to think about the 3 aspects of my winemaking hobby. I look at what's happening in the Vineyard, The Winery, and The Club. I review what's going on as well as what needs my immediate attention; as long as things are under control, all is well.

I find that I really like this time of year because things are fairly quiet on two out of three aspects of the winemaking front. The Vineyard is dormant so no trouble there. The Winery is fairly quiet as well. Maybe a little bit of racking this weekend and I put both my rose' and white wines outdoors to take advantage of the very cold weather we had for cold stabilization (If you have never tried this little trick before, I find it is an excellent way to get your wines to fall clear so you can bottle without needing to fine or filter).

Which leaves the Club.....And boy, do we have a lot going on there! January is the time of year when your Board plan all the activities for the New Year. We may not have every detail nailed down, but our goal is to have events planned for each month. These our webmaster, Linda, will have up on the website ASAP.

Last year, I think we struck a very good balance between educational opportunities (wine evaluation seminars, TIPS from the pro's, beginner's winemaking class), social events (Avila Meeting, August BBQ, Pizza Night), and those that did both (May Wes Hagen talk, Cellar Tour). While we will be repeating some of these events this year, we like to keep things fresh and invite suggestions from our membership of new things to do. The Cellar Tour was actually

suggested by a couple club members this time last year. So, if you would like to suggest something for the months of September, October, or November, (or any other time) let me know at [DrFredCarbone@msn.com](mailto:DrFredCarbone@msn.com).

As far as upcoming events go, the Avila Member's Meeting is not to be missed. A member's only event that sells out each year, so get your reservation in ASAP. We also have a Tips from the Pro's event scheduled at Nagy Wines in February. Details of both events are found elsewhere in this newsletter and/or on our website.

Finally, a word about membership renewal..... NOW IS THE TIME. I know most of our active members renew when they pay for the Avila Event ~ a great idea so you won't miss a thing. Others renew as reminders are sent through the end of February. After February, we stop sending newsletters or club details to those who haven't renewed. However, there are those of our members join right before harvest so they can purchase grapes through our Co-op. This last variety of member misses out on all the club has to offer. \$40 per couple is really a very small price to pay to have access to all the activities. Here is a suggestion, why not pay the yearly dues now, get it over with, and enjoy one or more of our social or educational events? I guarantee you will be glad you did and an added benefit is better wine making because of the simple tips you learn from fellow members who share your winemaking passion.

I think that's it for now, I hope to see 72 of you at Avila. (74 is our maximum and Katherine and I already sent our reservation in



See you at Avila!  
Fred Carbone, Club Prez

# 2017 WineMaker International Amateur WINE COMPETITION

## ENTER THE 2017 WINEMAKER COMPETITION

Year after year the WineMaker International Amateur Wine Competition is the largest of its kind in the world. Entries were received from all 50 American states, 6 Canadian provinces and as far as away as the Philippines and Croatia for the 2016 competition resulting in a total of 2,981 wines entered.

Send us your best wines by **March 3, 2017** to get valuable feedback from our experienced judges and see how your wines stack up against your fellow winemakers. All entrants will receive their judging notes back along with a list of the medal-winning wines. And you might even win a medal or two!

### Here are some key competition dates for 2017:

Wine entries need to be delivered to our Vermont offices at  
Battenkill Communications • 5515 Main St. • Manchester Center, Vermont 05255 by:

**March 3, 2017**

Wines will be judged in Vermont:

**April 6-9, 2017**

Results first announced at WineMaker Magazine Conference in Ithaca, NY  
(Results will be posted on winemakermag.com and mailed out soon after):

**June 3, 2017**

[Download brochure with rules:](#)

[Download entry form:](#)



## UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

Some dates and times are yet to be determined.

January 28<sup>th</sup> Noon: Want to win \$250 of grapes? Want to win some fabulous prizes (ie WINE)? Then the Annual Membership Meeting at Avila is your ticket! Not only will there be fantastic food and prizes but wine and friends as well. It is one of the best attended events and is for members only.



Please see the attached RSVP form for details.



February 18<sup>th</sup>, 11am "Tips from the Pro's"  
Nagy in Old Orcutt 145 S. Gray Street #103.  
No RSVP necessary. Cost: \$10 tasting fee.

- February, March, April and May, 7PM Wine Evaluation Seminar @ Lake Marie Clubhouse
- March "Tips from the Pro's"
- April "Tips from the Pro's"
- May, 11AM Spring Picnic and Wine Tasting with Louie Lucas (tentative) at Jerry Shoemaker House
- June 10th, 10AM Wine Judging for Fair @ Fairpark in Santa Maria
- July, 1PM Wine Making 101 Seminar
- August Summer picnic at Orcutt Hill
- September: Suggestion?
- October: Suggestion?
- November: Suggestion?
- December Nothing. Way to busy drinking our wine for holidays.

I'M HAVING FRUIT  
SALAD FOR DINNER, OK  
IT'S MAINLY GRAPES,  
OK ALL GRAPES,  
FERMENTED GRAPES.  
I'M HAVING  
WINE FOR DINNER

Central Coast Home Vintners' Association's  
2017 Annual Membership Meeting  
(Please use this form for your reservation and to pay dues)

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Central Coast Home Vintners' Association  
P.O. Box 271  
Santa Maria, California 93456

COMPLETE FORM AND MAIL WITH A CHECK PAYABLE TO CCHVA TO THE ABOVE ADDRESS

**Reservation deadline is January 23, 2017**

Location: San Luis Yacht Club (located on the pier in Avila Beach)  
Date: January 28th, 2017  
Time: 12:00-4:00 p.m.  
Deadline: January 23, 2017 (no refunds for cancellations after this date)

I am enclosing \_\_\_\_\_ dollars for \_\_\_\_\_ # of persons @ \$30.00 per person.  
**SINCE THIS EVENT IS LIKELY TO SELL OUT--NO PAY AT THE DOOR!**

Member(s) Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_  
E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

What to bring: A-L – bring a dessert  
M-Z – bring an appetizer  
**Everyone** – bring your best bottle of homemade wine or a commercial wine of your choice to share with the group **in addition** to any wine you may want to serve at your own table  
**Don't forget to bring your own glass too!!**

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**CCHVA Annual Dues**

Dues cover the association year from February 1<sup>st</sup> through January 31<sup>st</sup>.  
Annual membership dues are \$40.00 per household (2 persons).  
Use this form if attending the annual meeting.

I am enclosing \_\_\_\_\_ dollars my annual dues.

**Members who have not paid dues by February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2017, will be dropped from the membership list and will not receive future newsletters or club communications.**

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