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The CCAWS January tasting will be at the home of The Evans' on Sunday, January 18th at 2:00 pm.

The Evans with the help of Pat Valas will present **"Chili and Chilean"**. This is also a good time to renew your CCAWS membership (see below). Please call the Evans' by January 14th if you would like to attend—*the earlier, the better, because space is limited!* Please do not forget to bring something for the table. Three or four folks have already committed to bringing Chili, so just bring complements or

dessert Also; don't forget your dues for next year (see below).

Other items of interest—

Last month's Tasting, "Annual Champagne Tasting"—**John Landon** presented the topic to an energized crowd of revelers. The list of wines tasted and the favorites follow: Thank you as well to all the basket makers and congratulations to the winners. All for a great cause.

Champagne Tasting			
No.	Wine	Price	Votes
warm-up	Cordorniu Cava Brut	9	
1	Tissot Cremant Du Jara Brut	\$23	6
2	Tissot Cremant Du Jara Brut Rose	\$23	1
3	Champagne Moutard Brut Grande Cuvee	\$38	9
4	La Closerie Champagne Les Beguines Brut Nature	\$79	5
5	Gosset Grand Millesime 1999	\$98	10
6	Gosset Grand Rose	\$75	11

- ***A Little Bit of Tuscany*** is a new Italian wine bar and light-fare bistro you should check out on Main Street at Longwell in Westminster. (www.alittlebitoftuscany.com).
- ***Bud's at Silver Run*** is a new, casual fine dining restaurant right here in beautiful, downtown Silver Run, MD on Littlestown Pike (Rt. 97) between Mayberry and Silver Run Valley Roads. www.budsatsilverrun.com! **N.B** we personally tried the restaurant for the first time on New Years Day and were not disappointed. A perfect match of elegance if you want it or dining in the bar if you want to be scruffy. Good value
- ***Wine Me Up Wine Bar & Shoppe*** at 61½ E. Main Street in Westminster (www.winemeupshoppeandtavern.com) has been here since January so still qualifies as new, I suppose. Check it out.
- Check our web site (www.CCAWS.net) for upcoming tastings.
- **Don't forget your dues** of \$10 to CCAWS (Carroll County Chapter of the American Wine Society) **AND** your membership obligation (dues, \$62 for 2009) to AWS (American Wine Society). Consider this a reminder that you **must** maintain membership in AWS (our parent organization) to remain a member of CCAWS. See www.AmericanWineSociety.org for details of online management of your AWS membership. You can call AWS during business hours at 678-377-7070 to take care of it that way.
- **CCAWS Membership Cards**—Bona fide member of CCAWS, *viz.*, AWS membership + CCAWS dues paid (see previous bullet), will be sent 2009 CCAWS membership cards in the mail. These are primarily for verifying to the few (currently 3) local liquor stores that offer a per-bottle discount on wine to CCAWS members.

We were informed that just before the New Year Bob Kersey passed away in New Jersey. The Service will be held this Wednesday Jan 7th at 2 Dolphin Drive, Ocean Reef, Ocean City, NJ 08226. Our thoughts are with his family at this time, I know he will be missed by all that knew him.

Editorial: I would like to take my hat off to Lee for all the work and effort that he has given to this position in the last several years. He is such a wealth of knowledge and as I take over for him I am truly humbled by what he has brought to the table.

I will work at learning this post. Having been with the Society for a little over a year, I am still learning the ropes. Lee and I have been meeting and transitioning over the past few weeks and this will continue. Thank you for your faith in me and please feel free to bring any and all ideas to my attention. Thank you again.

Robert Horrocks