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Greetings,

As the year is coming to a close, I will be starting this newsletter with a reminder about getting in your checks AND wine for the Ham Mowbray Scholarship Fund-raiser and wine basket event. At this time I only have seven checks and four bottles of wine, so if it's to be the grand success that it was last year, I need those bottles and checks at the next meeting. Again, I will be happy to come and get them if need be (I have a few minutes free at about 5:00AM on the 27 of November☺). Dean and I have put together lots of extra little goodies to include with the wine donations to make the baskets tons of fun. Along with those things, we've put together our own donation basket of Chesapeake Bay Crab Company items and I guess I'll do another jewelry donation basket too. Naomi and Phil opened up their pantry and added a few of Naomi's great homemade goodies (ignore her, she only thinks she donated a jar of her great chutney. I have no recollection of a jar of chutney in the box of things they gave me☺) Then, don't forget, we still have the other half case of wine that our supreme treasurer donated last year. So come on and get the wine and checks flowing. All of the money goes to the Scholarship Fund and the wine goes back to the lucky members whose names get picked at the Champagne tasting in December. Again, The check is to be made out for \$25.00 (or more) to the **AWSEF** and the wine has to have a retail value of \$10.00. Remember that you have to donate a bottle and a check to get your name in the fish bowl.

Our October meeting was a great event. Joe Fiola put together a wonderful group of Malbecs from Argentina. Joe presented us with a few different types of tasting experiences. First, we contrasted two Malbecs from the Elsa label but two different vintage years. He followed that with two pairs that were first and second labels. He finished off the tasting by offering a truly stellar Malbec that was so adored, we decided not to include it in the voting for #1 as it was so clearly #1 both in quality and price (\$49.00.) Thank you Joe for a great tasting and Barbara and Bill for a great day and beautiful deck to spend it on!

Wine	Votes	Votes	Price
	Best of 1-6	Best of all	
Elsa, San Rafael, 1998	2	0	\$6.99
Elsa, 2000	3	0	\$6.99
Alamos (Argentina) 2001	0	0	\$10.99
Catena, 2001	0	0	\$13.99
Trumpeter, 2001	14	2	\$9.99
Felipe Rutini, 2000	9	0	\$13.99
Yacochaya, 2000		17	\$48.99

November's tasting will be at the home of Peg and Art Michaelsen. Please call them by Thursday, November 13 if you plan to attend. We will taste a group of 2000 Bordeaux wines put together by Pennee Parker and John Jamison. It should be an exciting meeting.

2003/2004 CCAWS Schedule

Date	House	Wine Host	Topic
16-Nov	Michaelsen	Parker	2000 Bordeaux
14-Dec	Blosveren	Landon	Champagne
18-Jan	Grillon	Eisberg	Big Red
15-Feb	Kozak	Carl Brandhorst	South African
21-Mar	Johnston	Johnston	
18-Apr	Brown	Brown	
16-May	Barbour	Slick	
20-Jun			
18-Jul	Grillon ?	PICNIC	
15-Aug	Evans		
19-Sep			
17-Oct	Barbour		
21-Nov			
14-Dec	Blosveren	Landon	

In December I will be turning over the chairpersonship to Richard Murray. Barbara Brown will be taking over Barry's position as Secretary. Dean will continue to be our webmaster and we all need to extend a big "Thank You" to John Landon, as he continues to act in the position as treasurer. My heart also feels the need to remember Al Kacsur. I missed him both in his illness and now since his passing and will continue to do so at every meeting that he is not a part of.

*"Wine from long habit has become an indispensable for my health."
- Thomas Jefferson (I thought I said that)*

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