



## September 2009 Steering Meeting

**President Sisler** opened this month's meeting: He had a couple of items that were left behind – a red & white cooler. Bill also thanked Johna & Cindy for the great job they did for the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party – they also were able to award Greg Dietel his “oscar” – we'll get John Anderson at a later date

We wished Happy 81<sup>st</sup> Birthday to both Charlie Poalillo & Bea Anson

**Guest Speaker:** Gold & Silver Awards winners.

**Guests this evening:** Charlie & Joyce brought Melanie & Scott Matthews; Dennis & Marla brought Gina & George Raymond; Greg & Sharon brought Carol & Matt; Guy brought Kevin & Maria

**New Members this evening:** none

**Hosts:** Sherry McCleary & Richard Placak; Co-hosts: Ron & Kathy were out of town

**Treasurers Report, Rhonda Evans:** General fund \$3,347.86, of that the equipment fund represents \$205.80, and \$500 is a deposit being held and not cashed for the American Legion Hall in. **Rhonda also has member cards for people that don't have them. When writing checks, PLEASE remember to use the “MEMO” to identify what you're paying for.**

### **Raffle Ticket Sales:**

Cathy McIntosh sold the tickets – Barry Ross won the 50/50.

### **Cellarmaster, Guy Callari:**

- Equipment seminar scheduled for Saturday, 9/5 at 9
- Home Wine Making Awards – read further down to read more about this. . .

### **Corkmaster Greg Dietel:**

- Has 3 thousand corks on hand – if you need any, let him know.

### **Brewmaster: Steve Sistler:**

- Every Thursday, Firestone-Walker has an *industry night* with beer tastings, discounts and snacks

### **Event Coordinator, Cindy Blake & Johna DeBellis:**

- Set aside December 4<sup>th</sup> for our annual Christmas Party which will be held at the Paso Robles Ballroom [above McLintocks] – they're working on the menu w/Andre [Dining with Andre] and the music will be by Rhythm Method – there will be 'champagne' - the cost will be \$65 per person or \$130 couple [note last year's special price has gone up to \$130 per person]
- Sent around an interest list for two upcoming events: a wine tasting in Oct [approx \$30 per person] and a dinner at 10<sup>th</sup> St Café in Nov [approx \$35 per person, w/o corkage]

## CREDO

To foster home wine and beer making and to learn to appreciate the finer points of beer and wine making.

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### OFFICERS

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Treasurer:	Rhonda Evans	434-0031
Glassmaster:	Richard Holmes	227-0623
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BBQ Team Leader:	Greg Dietel	286-7486
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	Don & Karen Davis	239-9585
Corkmaster:	Greg Dietel	286-7486
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### BIRTHDAYS:

#### September

Charlie Poalillo, Norma Roots, Jere Anderson, Erika Banner, Bob Schuerman, Paul King, Greg Malofy, Jim Bond, Michael Hawkins, Bill Stokes, Bruce Van Dyke, Shoni Adamson, Marla Sol, Barry Ross, Betty Pierce, Lee Ralston

#### October

Louise Komar, Patricia Kohlen, Maria Goldman, Mike Jones, Hank Grattan, RaeAnn Anderson, Kris Sistler, Barbara Van Dyke, Jim Ferardo, Rick Prokops, Renne' Rahilly, Dennis Sol

*And, if your name is not on our birthday list & you would like it to be, please email Sharen Bloechl At: [vonrund@pacbell.net](mailto:vonrund@pacbell.net) or call her at 462-3489*

### DIRECTORY CHANGES:

#### New address:

**Bender**, Elaine 425-242-1912  
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#### Change email address:

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Remember that there are more DWI spots showing up around the county, so drink responsibly

Remember during the meeting members are NOT to be refilling their glass.

>>>> **2009-2010 WINES and STEINS Directory** <<<<<<

I'm almost done working on the new 2009-2010 Directory – it should be out next month. Thanks & Cheers, Sharen

**REMEMBER:** Wear your name badges to the meetings and **make it a habit to check the lost and found.**

**Victoria Mehalick** announced a Grape Stomp at EOS on 9/19 – call Victoria for more information 226-7486

**Victoria Mehalick** announced the Creston Chili Cookoff is coming up on 10/25 – get your teams together – call Victoria for more information 226-7486

### Home Wine Makers Awards:

A number of our members won awards for their winemaking at the Mid-State Fair, the Orange County Fair and the State Fair competitions. Guy invited the winners to present their wines in a "show-tell-taste" session for the gold and silver wine winners (Mid-State and Orange County Fairs). We have 11 winners. Four tables (booths) with 3 winners per table who poured their gold and/or silver wines, talked about their wines and answered questions from the folks doing the tasting. Guy introduced the wine makers then asked the audience to visit their favorite booth with glass in hand.

The wine winners were [sorry, I didn't catch all the awards and varietals presented]:

- Best of Show @Orange Co. Jack & Charlotte Preston....cabarnet
- Silver " " " " " .....Cab Franc
- Double Gold " Jim Bond Blend Cab+Syrah
- Gold Mid-State Fair Bruce Van Dyke Cab
- Gold " " " Guy Callari Sangiovese
- Gold " " " Guy Callari Petite Sirah
- Silver " " " Guy Callari Viognier
- Silver " " " Bill Sisler Bordeaux blend
- Silver " " " Charlie Rahilly Merlot
- Silver " " " Bob Roots Cab
- Silver " " " Greg & Jean Wilt Petite Sirah

This was a good venue to taste and talk about our award winning wines – congratulations to all!

**Note:** During his opening talk, Bill Sisler mentioned that we recently lost two of our members and that we should cherish all our times together with all our friends.



**Richard "Dick" Lemon Shelby**, of San Miguel died Tuesday morning Aug. 18, 2009, surrounded by his family, especially his beloved Joan. He was born in July 1932 and raised in Los Angeles, Calif. His parents, Parker Neal Shelby and Phebe Baker Lemon Shelby, traveled from their home state of Oklahoma in the 1920s after graduating from the University of Oklahoma. Dick joined the U.S. Navy and served in the Korean War. His great patriotism and love of this country was evident to all who knew him. He spent his younger adult life as an engineer at Hughes Aircraft's Santa Barbara Research Center (SBRC). During this time he raised three children, loved to sail and was a small plane pilot. He was a Scout Master for many years and helped develop young men into confident young leaders. Dick victoriously fought cancer in the 1980s, which led to his early retirement from SBRC in 1988. At this time, he and Joan purchased property in San Miguel for their retirement where he planted an apple

orchard and so began his second career. His love of agriculture and farming, and his gift of an engineer's mind, brought him to plant a vineyard and he acquired a taste for fine wine. He was an active member of many organizations, including the Atascadero Elks, Cork Pullers, Independent Grape Growers of Paso Robles, Wines and Steins as well as the Wine Alliance. Dick is survived by his long time partner and best friend, Joan Muir; three children Joanne "Jodi" (Alex) Berber of Paso Robles, Douglas Shelby of Santa Barbara, Donna Caryn (John) Hughes of Rocklin, Calif.; Joan's two sons Scott (Julie) Muir of Nevada City, Calif., and Jim and (Cheryl) Muir of Goleta; and seven grandchildren. He is also survived by his sister, Sandra; Joan's sister, Sue; nieces, nephews, cousins, and many friends. A celebration of Dick's life was held at Castoro. Donations can be made in his name, in lieu of flowers, to the Atascadero Elks "Purple Pig," which contributes to children's healthcare issues. Dick will be sorely missed as he was a mighty wise Captain with an easy answer to all that's queer. As a passage I think of from a treasured novel, Moby Dick;

We'll drink to-night with hearts a light,  
To love, as gay and fleeting,

As bubbles that swim, on the breaker's brim,  
And break on the the lips while meeting.



**Julie Marie Conner (Abbott)**, 50, entered into rest after a valiant struggle with cancer Monday, Aug. 24, 2009, at her home in Atascadero. Julie enjoyed traveling with her husband, George, in North America, Europe and Hawaii, where they were married. The thing that may exceed Julie's zest for life was her passion for golf. She was an active member/competitor with the Chalk Mountain Women's Golf Club in Atascadero. Her smile and competitive spirit will continue to live on. She is survived by her husband and best friend, George; mother, Anita Abbott; sisters Deborah (Bunky) and Amy; brothers Douglas (Cheralyn) and Scott (Kathy); as well as several nieces and nephews who all adored her. Her father, James, and brother, David, predeceased her. A celebration of Julie's life was at the Santa Teresa Golf Club in San Jose, In lieu of flowers, the family would appreciate donations made in Julie's name to the Lance Armstrong Foundation.

**This n' That**

This is a new section of the newsletter – it'll talk about what's happening with our members [old & current] – if you have something to add, please send me a note or an email:

**September 2009**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4 W&S Steering Meeting – 6:30	5 46W Neighborhood Block Party @ Donati 5:30pm
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19 EOS Grape Stomp
20	21	22	23	24	25	26 Oaktobefest 2009
27	28	29	30			

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- **Oaktobefest 2009 – Saturday, September 26** - at River Oaks Hot Springs in Paso Robles, CA. The event is sponsored by Firestone Walker Brewing Company and all profits benefit Hospice of San Luis Obispo County. Oaktobefest is a California spin on Oktoberfest featuring an Oaktobefest beer served right from the barrel courtesy of your friends at Firestone Walker Brewing Company, a German beer garden, German wines, and authentic German cuisine. And let's not forget the Beer Olympics with keg tossing, barrel rolling and stein racing. Trio Internationale, the rock n' roll/polka sensation is set to grace the stage along with another act to be announced. Tickets are \$40 and can be purchased by visiting [www.oaktobefest.com](http://www.oaktobefest.com).
- **Harvest Wine Weekend - October 16-17, 2009**
- **5<sup>th</sup> Annual Creston Chili Cook-off – Sunday, October 25** – 10am-6pm – at the Creston Community Garden (take Hwy 41 to Hwy 229). Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for kids; includes cornbread. KJUG broadcasting live. Celebrity judges! Beer and wine \$3 a glass. Sponsored by the Creston Women's Club. All profits go to scholarship fund. Purchase tickets at EOS Winery, at the Creston Country Store, day of, or call Victoria at 226-7486 Start getting your team together
- **Wine & Steins Christmas Party – December 4, 2009**

**Upcoming IGGPRA Seminars**

- Sep 4 Harvesting & Putting Your Vineyard to Bed

**October Steering Meeting**

When: 6:30pm – **October 2**

Where: American Legion Hall, Templeton

Hosts: Ron & Kathy Johnson; Co-hosts: Tom & Penny Johnson

BBQ team to start BBQ - YOUR RESPONSIBILITY: Be on time. **Bring a dish to share or an appetizer or dessert, something to BBQ, serving utensils, your own table-ware and a bottle of wine or a six-pack of beer per**

**person to share – if you have guests, expand on this by the number of guests** – any leftovers go home with the host. **REMEMBER – if you want wine at your table, bring an extra bottle**

Also please note: Sometimes, like at our last meeting the food's a bit lopsided - we had an abundance of wonderful appetizers and salads, but were a bit shy on the side dishes and desserts. I was wondering if the W&S members would like to start using a rotating formula such as:

**Aa to D**, Side dish, baked beans, string beans, etc

**Ga to H**, Desserts, cakes pies cookies, etc

**Ja to M**, Appetizers

**Oa to Z**, Salads, potato, macaroni, coleslaw that sort of thing

**GETTING HERE:** Templeton American Legion Hall is at: 805 S Main St., Templeton [at the south end of town]. Going North: Take US-101 N to the Vineyard exit; turn Right onto Vineyard to the signal light. At the Signal light [Main St] turn Left onto Main – the hall is about one block on your right. Going South: follow the same directions but turn Left on Vineyard. You can also get off at the Main St exit then follow Main to the south end of town past McPhee's and AJ Spurs – the hall will be on your left.

**Badges:** If anyone's still not badged yet - contact Don & Karen Davis to get one 239-9585 or ddavis@vinearts.net or ktd@vinearts.net

**Thought You'd Like to Know.** . .If you have ideas on what you'd like to see on our web pages and/or in the Newsletter – please let Sharen know by email: [vonrund@pacbell.net](mailto:vonrund@pacbell.net) or fax: 805-466-5466 or call her 805-462-3489.

**MEMBER AWARDS, etc:** *Did you get an award??? Let us know!*

**Please note: additional copies of this month and prior month's newsletters can be found on our web site:** [www.winesandsteins.org](http://www.winesandsteins.org)

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25 Creston Chilli Cookoff	26	27	28	29	30	31 Halloween

**Member Bios:** *Want your “15 minutes of fame”? Send in your bios & pics - Email or give it to me at a meeting. Each month a new bio will be published. Email to me at [vonrund@pacbell.net](mailto:vonrund@pacbell.net)*

**Newsletter help needed!!** As our club continues to grow we are losing the intimacy of knowing each other.

**Please note: When one of our members asks me to send a “Blast” to all W&S Members requiring an answer – Please do not respond to me – reply to them. Also, if you don't want these “blasts” then just delete them – I only have one mailing list for ALL W&S – Thanks**

**Do you have a recipe to share?** And/or, was there something at the meeting that was yummy and want to know how it was made? Send me an email and I'll try to find the answer.....Sharen

**CAVEAT:** Articles presented in this newsletter should not be construed as a recommendation by the author or Wines & Steins but rather a source of information!



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