



AWS ROCHESTER NEW YORK CHAPTER

CHRISTMAS PARTY 2007

To all the members of the committee – Ken and Eileen Beard, Tom and Nancy Hammond, Tom and Linda Hickey, Hank and Cindy Jankowski, Steve Lerch, Lena Rose, Mary Schlbach, John and Ann Stavisky, Mary Jean Welser –

THANKS FOR ONE TERRIFIC EVENING!

Despite ominous predictions of a serious winter storm in the making, 42 members (30%) of AWS Rochester and one, son of a member, traveled from as far away as Honeoye Falls and PennYan. They made their way into the warmth of Faith Lutheran Church on Saturday, December 15 at 6:30 pm. They arrived to find tables set with fine white cloths, festive centerpieces and flickering candles.

The evening's wine selection represented a variety of Champagne and sparkling wine –

See attachment for the list of wines and their prices

And then came the three tables filled to overflowing with a marvelous selection of “grazing” opportunities. There were appetizers, meats, cheeses, dips, roast venison – all prepared with loving care by the evenings guests. The guests also provided a table filled with an array of fine wines, many of which were actually made by our members, including a Klose Meritage and a Zoghlin Zin.

We all tasted, feasted, communicated and enthusiastically cheered the committee for a job well done. ***The members also signed-up to work on committees in 2008.***

Note:

If you missed the party, there are still some committee spots left so please check the attached schedule and sign up today – we need chairs for June 2008 & February 2009.

If you don't like those topics (Odd and Unusual Varietals and Wines of Languedoc) and have a committee to support you, feel free to give us a new topic and we'll simply make the switch.

(Hint – Gerhard & Charlotte we'll join your committee if you agree to chair)

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Hi! – we're back with more party notes continued from page 1

Mimi and John presented a special gift of Champagne (what else?) to Tom and Nancy Hammond in recognition for their kindness in arranging to have the AWS meetings at their church during our “renovation eviction” from Mt. Rise. Not only did they arrange for the use of the church, they also opened and closed the church each month and took responsibility for the storage of all those little things (in big boxes) that we need for our meetings. This has been a very comfortable and convenient location and we all thank the Hammonds for their long and continued support of AWS Rochester.

Everyone thanked John and Mimi for their work as Presidents during the past year. They have left some very “big footsteps” to fill.

The event closed with a round table of fabulously decadent desserts and two very large pots of coffee. As light snowflakes fell we drove away with that delightful glow that comes from having spent a memorable holiday evening with some new and old friends.

Final Notes from
Barbara-Ann and Ed
as Secretaries 2007

2008 MEMBERSHIP UPDATE – we currently have 16 reported membership payments for a total of 30 members for 2008.