



President's Message

Happy New Year!

PCWGA IS LOOKING FORWARD TO AN ACTIVE 2009! In addition to more fantastic educational meetings, we will continue to help promote Placer County Wineries with our advertising campaign and participation in fairs and festivals. Once again we will bring you the Placer Gold Wine Fest - Home Wine Makers Competition, our Wine Bus Tour will travel to Fair Play this year, (last year's trip to Amador sold out), and we will of course, have another Holiday Gala at the Flower Farm Inn. (Our Gala this past December was very spirited and it looked like everyone was out on the dance floor at one time or another.) The first Annual PCWGA Golf Tournament was such a success; we already started planning the second annual for this August.

Our membership is growing, and there is always room for more, we welcome wine makers, growers and wine lovers of any kind into our organization. **Membership Dues are still a bargain at \$30 for the year.** Membership applications are available on our website (www.placerwineandgrape.org).

Our programs are expanding and I would like to thank the volunteers who worked at the fairs and festivals this past year, your participation is essential to the success of these events and fundraisers.

The PCWGA Board encourages you to GET INVOLVED!

We have a very active board ready to support you by bringing you an exciting year of educational programs, opportunities for promotion, community involvement, and fun social events. Our general meetings are not just outstanding social events, they are educational too. If you have a burning question, a subject matter you want to dig deeper into or some vast knowledge you want to share, let us know, we want to provide programs that benefit your mission. *Email your suggestions to placerwine@gmail.com.*

We aim to please so let us know how we can support you!

Introducing the PCWGA board for 2009:

Returning board members are:

President, Cathy Mikles; Vice President, Doug Geiger; Treasurer, Zane Dobson; Community Involvement, Lisa Mann, Fortezza Winery; Education & Programs, Dave Brockman, Cristaldi Vineyards; Past President Dave Wegner, Pescatore Winery.

New Board Members are: Secretary, Renae Messamore, Secret Ravine Winery; Website Coordinator, Michael Duarte; Scholarship Awards, George Smith.

Cathy Mikles, President

General Meeting

Wed. February 11, 2009

7:00 pm Social, 7:30 pm Meeting

Flower Farm,

4390 Auburn Folsom Rd, Loomis

Flower Farm is located at the corner of Horseshoe Bar Rd. and Auburn Folsom Rd.

Please bring wine to share and appetizers are always appreciated.

February Guest Speaker

Frank Alfieri is a retired biology professor from CSU Long Beach. Frank is a home winemaker and understands the process. He has recently taught viticulture at Butte Community College. Frank will explain the importance of proper sulfite levels in wine, and demonstrate a new testing device that determines what level of free SO₂ is in your wine.

Winemakers may bring ONE wine sample, about 300mg, to be tested at the meeting!!

Tentative Dates for Upcoming Meetings and Events

General Meetings:

- February 11 ~ Flower Farm
- April 8 ~ Secret Ravine Winery
- April TBD (Wine Tasting Trip -Fairplay)
- June 13 (Home Winemaker Competition & B-B-Q)
- August 12
- October 28
- December 4 (Holiday Gala & Annual Meeting)

April General Meeting ~Grower's Meeting

Anyone who wishes to sale their grapes may have a table where people can ask questions and get grape prices. Also, if the grower has wine from their grapes, they may wish to share with interested people.

Growers should sign up at the February Meeting.

CLASSIFIED ADS

FOR SALE: 6-7 tons of "quality" CABERNET FRANC for 2009 harvest.

Jim O'Conner cell 916-425-6090

FOR SALE: 4-5 tons of "old clone" ZINFANDEL for 2009 harvest. These 10 yr. old vines are cuttings grown on their own roots from an "1890" vineyard.

Dick Stallman 916-791-1104 Cell 916-396-1814.

NEW 2009 Board of Directors

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FREE ADVERTISING

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If you would like to advertise any wine or grape related information, programs, classes or items for sale, email that information to placerwine@gmail.com.



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**Membership Renewal
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