

# Old Patrician



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## Welcome to the Holiday Season

As this issue of Old Patrician is being written the holiday whirl has begun. Just looking at my personal calendar there is hardly a square lacking a notation about an upcoming event. With Thanksgiving behind us the SocComm is looking forward to the Meet 'n Greet set for Sunday, December 6, 2009.

Last year this was the event that set the high water mark for attendance with over 70 of us meeting and greeting. Like last year Marilyn Kweller and her subcommittee will be stocking the food table. In order to know how much to buy, it is very important for everyone to **sign up** even though this is a free party. Due to the way we deal with alcohol, the wine and beer are strictly BYOB.

Here is how we are going to work New Year's Eve. It will be a combination barbeque and party. As usual, the BBQ will be free and attendees will supply their own food and drink. The party will get underway about 9:00 PM and we will have a nominal charge of \$5.00 for decorations and snacks. As with the Meet 'n Greet the alcohol will be BYOB. In order that we "coincidentally" bring the same bubbly, we are suggesting everyone

bring Freixenet Extra Dry Cordon Negro. This is a Spanish wine in the style of Champagne. It is very low cost, but very good in my humble opinion.

The next day we will hold Carol's New Year's Day party. Because both of these New Year's events need a count we will have separate sign-up sheets for each. I think everyone who has ever attended one of the "Bakunus' Bashes" will agree it is a great gastronomical gathering. It is a good thing that New Year's Day is on a Friday this year because we are all going to need the weekend to recover!

I will be on my annual pilgrimage to Park City, UT when we have the Wine and Cheese on the beach in January. Phil Leff and Tommy Lagrega have formed a subcommittee to make sure this ever popular party comes off without a hitch. Every time we have run this event people say we should do this more often.

After bouncing around with the dates the SocComm is proud to announce that the annual Patrician Dinner Dance will be held on Wednesday, February 24, 2010 at Benvenuto's.

We had tried to have this on a Saturday,

but the cost was almost double so a weekday evening it is. We were able to get Martha Brown to provide live music. The committee has gone out on a financial limb to get her so we really need about the same number of people to come to this party as came to the dance last year. My hat is off to Wendy Horowitz for the fine work she has done to pull off this improved dinner dance.

I want to thank all of the people who have joined with the SocComm to make these parties a reality. It is really a team effort that has allowed our social program to advance from year to year. 2009-2010 is the best yet.



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## New Questionnaire Suggests SocComm Course Adjustment

In mid-November the SocComm circulated a new questionnaire. While most of the information gleaned from this new survey confirmed what we already knew from the first poll done last year, there were some surprises. Wine and cheese on the beach came in at number four and New Year's Eve at number 2.

Watching the Superbowl and "themed" parties were sufficiently high to rate put-

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ting them on the calendar. One of the biggest surprises was what we call Life Long Learning. We are working to develop a small lecture series for the February - March timeframe.

We are working on another Museum tour like we did at the Norton last season. We hope to have a much better wine tasting this year run on site. It will have to be coordinated as the wine will have to be bought by individuals and then transported to the social room BYOB style.

On the down side, gambling on the Palm Beach Princess, the race track, and at the Hard Rock Casino came in fairly low. They have been dropped from consideration.

Two items came up at the last meeting and I promised that I would mention them here. Ruth Goldstein suggested she would give dance lessons if there was interest. Please get in touch with me or her if you have some interest.

Helene Tull suggested that she would like to form a Bridge playing group. Although card parties ranked very low on the survey, I told her I would give it a shot in this issue. Again, if you are interested contact Helene or me.

I trust you can see that by asking the building what they would like to see in their social program we can provide just those activities for which there is demonstrable demand.