

# Old Patrician



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## Summer Heat Is Cooling the Social Program

Things have calmed down considerably as we move into the summer doldrums. Many people are away and those that remain are looking to do other things. So, with that in mind, I would like to focus on the *Summer of the Grape* dinner at Michael R. McCarty described in detail below.

This means we will skip the barbecue originally scheduled for mid-August. We will resume the cookouts with the Labor Day bash on Monday, September 7, 2009. Note that Pat and I will not be there for that one as we will be vacationing on St. Thomas, USVI.

In early September we will hold a meeting of the SocComm and plan the events for the fall and the early part of the season. While the committee will be a tad

short handed, I trust that plenty of non committee folks will turn out such that a “ton” of ideas will come from the floor.

Pat and I have continued our quest to see Florida via mini-trips. Last Friday she took the day off and we visited two treasure museums just north of Vero Beach. The first stop was the Mel Fisher museum where many of the artifacts from the wreck of the *Atocha* can be seen.

The second stop was the State of Florida’s treasure museum where some of the salvage from the lost fleet of 1715 are on display. These two sites are less than two hours from here.

The day wrapped up at dinner at the Crab House in Jupiter. The picture below was the view from our table. The

seafood buffet is not to be missed. In my humble opinion this is the best seafood, both hot and cold in the area. It is certainly worth the short trip to Jupiter.



Jupiter Light

## Back to Michael R. McCarty’s

We are going back to Michael R. McCarty’s for their famous *Summer of the Grape* dinner. Last summer it was a big hit so we are going to do it again. The date is Monday, August 17, 2009. The time will be 7:00 PM. We are charging \$42.00 such that the SocComm’s treasury will gain \$4.00 per head. That price includes the meal, tax, an a generous tip.

I should remind all of you good people that we don’t charge dues to participate

in the SocComm events. Each event stands on its own “bottom.”

This is a fabulous party. You get a two course meal and all the wine you can drink. For an appetizer you just can’t go wrong with Popcorn Shrimp which usually is priced at \$14.00 when on the a la carte menu. Pat likes the Fried Green Tomatoes. It reminds her of the book. If you are into value order the beef. Its price alone is almost the cost of the whole meal.

Speaking just for myself, I love this place. During the season it is always pack with what Michael calls “the scene.” That is Palm Beach speak for the right kind of people. To quote their website:

“During the season, you are sure to find whatever or whoever you are looking for at Michael R. McCarty’s. After dinner, watch as the night-time crowd starts to arrive and McCarty’s turns into the most happening place on the island. All the young attractive locals gather for cocktails, merriment, and to catch up with their pals.”

Well in my humble opinion, once again, that is a bit of over the top puffery. While we go there this time of year, I for one will not fight with any crowd. And, the season crowd can enjoy their scene without me! However, Michael has continued this out of season treat for many years now and I think it is good way to offer the year-rounders a just reward. Good food, good company, and a whale of a night out...

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And then, of course, there is the wine. Michael has made a deal with a distributor such that he can serve you all of the red or white wine you can drink. No one in our group has ever drank to excess, but no one has left the table “thirsty.”



Last Year at McCarty’s