THE GRAPEVINE

Inspire, Discover and Appreciate Fine Wines, Spirits, Food and Friends

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Welcome!

E-Town Epicurean Club is your place to gather, socialize and share your favorite novelty wines, drinks and foods. Our monthly newsletter provides info about upcoming events and notifications. Please "like" and follow us on our Facebook page Epicurean Club Etown to share your favorite recipes, tips, gourmet wine, spirits, special events and announcements.

Epicurean Club Officers

John Lemis - President
Wendy Balacki - Vice President
Karen Goldstein - Treasurer
Melissa Schwartz - Secretary

August Birthdays

Karen Gee
Johanna Logue
Lydia Merget
Paul Merget
Kate Richardson
Bill Schwartz
Gene Stepko
Peter Stoumbelis
Patti Vitale
Jean Ward

August Anniversaries

Gwen Goodrich & Monty Ables
Maryellen & Mark Bagley
Lydia & Al Dudzik
Karen & Paul Gee

New Member

Amanda Evans



Join us on Aug. 21 for a Southern California Beach BBQ!

6 to 9:30 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 21, at Del Webb eTown Gallery Ballroom

The Epicurean Club's monthly Social on Thursday, Aug. 21, will feature the food of a beach barbecue with a Southern California vibe. Sign-up to attend this fun summer event by using the registration link below.



Please use this SignUpGenius link to register for the Social.

The Epicurean Club will be providing Woodpeckers Backyard Barbeque including Chicken, Brisket, Ribs, rolls and Coleslaw. The Sign up page will allow you to indicate if you will be bringing a side dish or desert, a beverage to share or contributing time to help set up or clean up from this Social. Volunteers are needed and appreciated at all of our Social gatherings.

Check it Out! Click on the Underlines and find the links!!!

Epicurean Club Committees:

Planning & Travel
Gwen Goodrich, Jack Ward, Skip Gwinn, Melissa Schwartz, Deb McKemey, Kareen Gee

Food & Beverage
Gwen Goodrich, Laura Wieners, Patty Boyce, John Logue, Kate Richardson

Decorating & Display Case
Lydia Dudzik, Kathy Grimes, Laura Wieners, Alison Henderson, Sara Banks

Newsletter
John Lemis, Mark Bagley, Laura Rushin (Facebook), Gail Winslow (Facebook), Victor Boyce (Photography), Rebecca Steinen (Photography Coordinator)

Nominating
Kim Kasin, JanAnn Salvati, Gail Winslow

Merchandising
Rebecca Steinin, ***Needs more members***

Welcome
Karen Goldstein, Kim Kasin, Gail Winslow, Cynthia Coulliette, Christine Riener, Laura Wieners, Jean Ward, Sally Pari, Kate Richardson, Louise Santana

Finance
John Logue

Committee Chairs are underlined



Explore what pairs best with barbeque"

A variety of SoCal wines pair well with BBQ:

- Pinot Noirs and Rose' work well with classic BBQ Sauces and Chicken.
- Cabernet Sauvignon or Zinfandel with their full body and rich fruit flavors are excellent choices that compliment the smoky and savory notes of Brisket.
- Zinfandel and dry Rieslings balance the sweetness and acidity of BBQ Ribs.
- You won't go wrong with a crisp Chardonnay with any of these meats as it provides a refreshing counterpoint to these savory flavors.

Southern California is also home to many craft breweries: Stone, Lagunitas and Karl Strauss Brewing Companies are widely available here in Florida if you prefer your BBQ with a cold one!

Messages to the Next Epicurean President

by John Lemis

Embrace:

"Step boldly, for leadership is not about certainty but about the courage to inspire growth, unity, and change. May your heart guide the club forward, lighting the way for others as you honor both the traditions that ground us and the innovations that lift us."

As you step into this role, you enter a landscape shaped by others before you, rooted by tradition, yet always inviting renewal. With your instincts and character, listen deeply and never shy away from a challenge. The Club's strength is in it's membership and will grow as you grow, so dare to be bold, even in uncertainty.

Upcoming Monthly Socials to Feature:

Sept.18: Pizza Party
Oct. 16: Community Openhouse - Year in Review
Nov. 20: Greece
Dec. 18: Mixology

July Social: "Summer Pleasures with Rose' & Appetizers"

Cook's Corner



Epicureans prepared lots of delicious treats, including Lydia Dudzik's Charcuterie Skewers.



























