



Newsletter June, 2017

**Australian Wine Society Summer Solstice Celebration,
Tuesday June 20, on the patio at the Faculty Club**



The timing of the solstice depends on when the Sun reaches its northernmost point from the equator. The word solstice is from the Latin *solstitium*, from *sol* (sun) and *stitium* (to stop), reflecting the fact that the Sun appears to stop at this time. In temperate regions, we notice that the Sun is higher in the sky throughout the day, and its rays strike Earth at a more direct angle, causing the efficient warming we call summer.

This summer solstice is the day with the most hours of sunlight during the whole year and this is the day we meet on the Faculty Club Patio for our Summer Solstice Celebration with wine, food and songs. We will serve a Rose for Reception and wines to match each course as noted in the menu.

2017 Summer Solstice Dinner

A Selection of Canapes on the Patio including;

Mini Yorkshire Puddings with Pulled Beef
Trout Gravlax on Sweet Potato Rusti
Roasted Brussels Sprouts & Haloumi Cheese on Skewer
Served with Zonte's Footsteps Ladybird Rose, Fleurieu, SA

First Course

Seared Ahi Tuna with Cauliflower, Pineapple & Melon Ceviche

Served with 2016 Penmara The White Ribbon Semillon, Hunter Valley, NSW

Main Course, Two Choices

Braised Veal Osso Bucco Milanese served
with Ontario Asparagus & Saffron Risotto

Served with 2005 Trentham Petit Verdot, NSW

Or

Herb Crusted Atlantic Cod Filet, Lemon Caper & Herb Butter
With Bamboo Infused Rice & French Lentil Pilaf

Served with 2014 Ad Lib Cruel Mistress Pinot Noir, Pemberton, WA

Dessert Course

Strawberry Shortcake Topped with Ontario Fresh Strawberries
And Vanilla Ice Cream

Coffee and Tea

Reception wine and canapes, will on the patio at 6:30, followed by dinner at 7:00 p.m. NOTE: Please choose your course in advance. If ordering by Eventbrite, select you main course option. If you are registering by mail, tick the box on the order form for your choices.

Member cost, all inclusive is \$85.00, Guests \$90.00. This will be a joint event with Faculty Club Members, so book early. The Faculty Club is located at 41 Willcocks Street on the U of T Campus, one block south of Harbord and east of Spadina. Dress comfortably, summer casual, bright and breezy, no suits and ties.

You can register on-line at <https://awssolstice2017.eventbrite.ca>
or mail the attached Registration Form to Bernard Nottage at the address as noted on the Form.

Past Event

While we were a smaller gathering of only 28, those of us attending experienced a few good wines. We in general, found for example, the Knee Deep Chenin Blanc, somewhat underwhelming and the Sandalford Cabernet voted as best. Ann Popoff took us through the eight wine tasting in good form.

Future Events

August 25, is the AGM and Aussie barbeque back on the deck at Toronto Lawn Tennis Club, with the AGM at 2:00 pm, followed by a full on barbeque, with wines from the cellar to match. Watch for the details in the August Newsletter.

On September 21st, we have a visiting winery owner Kathy Drogemuller, from Paracomb Winery in the Adelaide Hills Region of South Australia. Dinner will be served with her wines especially imported for our enjoyment. All happening in the dining room at The Toronto Cricket and Skating Club.

December 10th. Our 2017 Christmas Holiday Dinner, will be back in the Main Lounge at the Faculty Club. We had such an excellent evening last year, we decided to return to the warmth of the fireplace and the Lounge, for the holiday season.

Friday January 26th Australia Day Dinner and Celebration will be held back at the Albany Club, with our reception wine and canapes on the 4th floor, followed by dinner and entertainment in the Main Dining Room. Full details in the November Newsletter, for now mark the date in your 2018 Agenda.

Membership Renewal

It is amazing how the year flies when you are having fun. Yes, it's that time of year again to renew your membership for the period July 1, 2017-18.

You can renew online at <http://aws2017-18membership.eventbrite.ca> or mail in the renewal form

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