



MINUTES FOR OFFICERS' ZOOM MEETING
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2020

Attendees: Pascal Guillotin, Henry Dubarry, Jean F. Claude, Dominique Payraudeau, Jacques Coustar, Maurice Bonté, Joanne Lewin-Jacus, Kate Wayler, Susan Lifrieri-Lowry, Francis Richard, Gérard Vidal, Cynthia Keller, Michel Keller, Michael Latour, Nduvoakim Abdus-Salaam, Bernard Malet-Dupont, Angel Sanay

- **Sick Benefits:** Nothing to report.
- **Death Benefits:** Mrs. Louise Pouchard has requested the death benefits of her husband, Fernand Pouchard. The office has received the death and marriage certificates.
- **Pension:** Nothing to report.
- **Dinner Dance:** Alan Quirin was unable to report, but the dinner dance will be rescheduled at the Yale Club in 2021.
- **Culinarians' Home Foundation:** Jean LeRouzic was unable to participate in the meeting due to technical difficulties with Zoom. Michel Keller had nothing to report.
- **Picnic:** Eileen DeMarco's Picnic Memory Project has wrapped up. Eileen will be sending her final product to the office to be emailed to all members sometime the week of September 7th.
- **Jules Weber Foundation:** 101 checks (out of the 123 cut) were cashed and 48 members sent thank you notes.
- **Newsletter:** Was emailed to all members on Wednesday, September 2nd. Ready to be printed.
- **Events:** The Food and Beverage Association has changed the date and location of the Annual Golf Outing to the Crestmont Country Club in West Orange, NJ to **Monday, October 19th**. Marc Sarrazin will attend and represent the Société. Ticket still to be purchased.
- **Cemeteries:** Nothing to report.
- **Office:**
 - The PKF audit is ongoing.
 - The AMTrust Workers Comp/Payroll audit is ongoing.
 - Working on updating the website with Virtua Computers. The old website was corrupted and the website is being re-built from the ground up.
 - **2021 Membership Dues Invoices are done.**
 - Cleaning out the supply room.

- **Chapters:**
 - Mid-Hudson Chapter: Cynthia Keller has nothing to report at the moment.
 - NJ Chapter: Michael Latour is hoping to schedule a meeting in October. He is struggling and barely making it. Waiting for better days and for in-house dining to start.
 - Florida Chapter: Francis Richard is planning a meeting followed by lunch on **Wednesday, October 7th at Vincent's Bistro** located in **Lake Worth, FL**.
 - LI Chapter: James Mollitor is planning a meeting in September.

- **Report by the Committee of French Speaking Societies:** Nothing to report.

- **Special Activities and Outings:** Nothing to report.

The next **Quarterly Zoom Meeting** will be held on **Thursday, October 1st at 3:00pm**. All members are invited to attend.

Mr. Guillotin asked if anyone had any comments.



MINUTES FOR OFFICERS' ZOOM MEETING
THURSDAY, AUGUST 6, 2020

Attendees: Pascal Guillotin, Henry Dubarry, Jean F. Claude, Steven Van Gelder, Jacques Coustar, Maurice Bonté, Yves Busnel, André Soltner, Gérard Drouet, Bernard Launay, André Moisan, Pierre Baran, Kate Waylor, Thom Smyth, Susan Lifrieri-Lowry, Jacky Parault, Thalia Pericles, Steve Walljasper, Anthony Arbeeny, Francis Richard, Gérard Vidal, Angel Sanay, Louise Hoffman, Nduvoakim Abdus-Salaam, Daniel DiGiacomo, Jean-Michel Bournot, Jean Geraud, Pascal Goupil, Eileen DeMarco

- **Sick Benefits:** Nothing to report.
- **Death Benefits:** Fernand Pouchard, Société Culinaire Philanthropique member since **June 20, 1963** (57 years & 6 weeks) passed away on **July 18th in France**. Mr. Pouchard was 89 years old and is survived by his wife Louise. The office has received the Death Certificate.
- **Pension:** Robert Floch was disbursed the **April and July pension payments on Monday, August 3rd**. He moved and the office received his new banking & home address information on **Friday, July 31st**.
- **Dinner Dance:** Alan Quirin was not available to make a report.
- **Culinarians' Home Foundation:** Jean LeRouzic was not available to report.
- **Dues:** 5 members still owe their dues. Suspension letter will be sent to them.
- **Picnic:** The 2020 Picnic has been cancelled.
Eileen DeMarco spoke about the Picnic Memory Project. This is Eileen's project to virtually commemorate the Annual Picnic. Diane will email all the members the letter with the information.
- **Jules Weber Foundation:** The \$1,000 checks to active members were mailed on **July 8th**. To date, 97 checks (out of 123 cut) were cashed and 35 members sent thank you notes.
- **Newsletter:** Louise Hoffman spoke about the launching of the newsletter in September. She is pleased about this issue, there are many articles completed and feels that the members will be very happy with the finished product.
- **Cemeteries:** Mt. Hope Cemetery - The plots are already paid for; the members pay for the opening/closing of the grave site. There are different prices for weekday vs. Saturday; also, prices vary for Casket Burial vs. Cremains burial. This information is now in the Mt. Hope Cemetery File.

- **Office:**
 - Amanda Catton-Johnson has accepted the position of Assistant Office Manager. Her first official day was **Monday, August 3rd**. We wish Amanda all the best.
 - Compiling files for upcoming PKF Audit. The date will be in mid-August.
 - Calling several web designers and getting quotes for SCP website. Two good possibilities.
 - Mutual of America Form 5500 E-Filing for the 401(k) Plan was done on **July 30th**.
 - Set-up all email lists by active members; retired members in Contacts.
 - Contacted two more cleaning services – Prime Cleaning & Four Star - have yet to hear back.
 - The new leased Xerox copier is being delivered on **Friday, August 7th**.

- **Chapters:**
 - Mid-Hudson Chapter: Nothing to report.
 - NJ Chapter: Nothing to report.
 - Florida Chapter: Francis Richard was present at the meeting and is hoping to have a meeting in person this November or December.
 - LI Chapter: Nothing to report.

- **Report by the Committee of French Speaking Societies:** Nothing to report.

- **Special Activities and Outings:** Nothing to report.

Mr. Guillotin asked if anyone had any comments.



MINUTES FOR OFFICERS' ZOOM MEETING
THURSDAY, JULY 2, 2020

- **Sick Benefits:** Nothing to report.
- **Death Benefits:** Nothing to report.
- **Pension:** The April Pension Payment was disbursed to 151 members on Thursday, June 25th. 150 members received it by ACH transfer; all transfers went through. One member, Robert Floch will receive a manual check, we are waiting for confirmation of his new address before the check can be mailed.
Diane sent an email to the estate attorney of Paul Etasse, former member of the Société for 66 years, who passed away last August of 2019. The office was not informed of his death and two pension payments were made to his bank account which remained opened. A reimbursement check was received in the amount of \$2,329.05 for the two pension payments Mr. Etasse received.
- **Dinner Dance:** Alain Quirin said that the Yale Club is still closed, waiting for it to reopen before a new date can be set. We are going to stay with the Yale Club and also will stay with the same band, Manhattan City Music.
- **Culinarians' Home Foundation:** On Friday, June 26th Jean LeRouzic went to the Home. He and Terry had a meeting by the garage. Everyone is okay. Some of the residents are getting restless, they miss their family. The air conditioner on the second and third floors are not working.
- **Dues:** 9 members still owe their dues.
- **Picnic:** The 2020 Picnic has been cancelled out of concern for the health of the residents of the Home as well as the participants of the picnic.
Cancellation Letter and request for \$200 refund for deposit sent to Coach Bus on June 30th.
- **Jules Weber Foundation:** Nothing to report.
- **Newsletter:** Louise Hoffman to report.
- **Cemeteries:** Nothing to report.
- **Office:**
Ordered Apple 13-inch MacBook Air for office plus AppleCare – **Cost = \$1,957.57**
The 2020 donations and scholarships letters and checks were mailed on Monday and Tuesday, June 29th and 30th.
Updated 3 accounts: Société, Culinarian Home & Jules Weber with three months of hand written checks and electronic checks.
Ordered Honeywell 14,000 BTU portable Air Conditioner for office – **Cost = \$686.45.**

- **Chapters:**
 - Mid-Hudson Chapter: Cynthia Keller spoke about the school. She said it's a complicated mess. They are hoping to have students and staff back in kitchens by August 10th. It's difficult with the International students who have to quarantine.
 - NJ Chapter: Michael Latour was hoping to have a meeting at the Joe Jefferson Club. It is still closed.
 - Florida Chapter: Nothing to report.
 - LI Chapter: Nothing to report.

- **Report by the Committee of French Speaking Societies:** Nothing to report.

- **Special Activities and Outings:** Nothing to report.

- **Archivist:** Jacques Coustar spoke about his conversation with Morand Daré. Morand wants to donate cook books to the Société. Jacques will coordinate with him. Jacques also spoke about Franz Wielanders' wife, who is very ill.

- **Miscellaneous:** Pascal Petiteau is serving patrons at his restaurant outdoors; it is all they can do, they don't have a choice. Most of his staff has come back to work.
 - Michael Latour can seat 20 people at his outdoor café. He can't serve fine dining outdoors. His staff would rather collect unemployment than come back to work. He can hold on for a while; hoping for the best.
 - Sébastien Baud said it is a waiting game about the food competition.

Mr. Guillotin asked if anyone had any comments.



MINUTES FOR OFFICERS' MEETING **THURSDAY, MARCH 5, 2020**

Attendees: Jacques Coustar, Gérard Drouet, Michel Keller, Yves Busnel, Jean F. Claude, Gérard Vidal, Maurice Bonté, Henri Dubarry, André Soltner, André Moisan, Laurent Morisse, Luc Holié, Arno Schmidt, Pascal Petiteau, Jean-Marc Lozach, Alain Quirin, Thalia Pericles, Pascal Guillotin, Louise Hoffman, Nduvoakim Abdus-Salaam, Bernard Malet-Dupont, Angel Sanay.

The meeting was opened up by President Pascal Guillotin at **3:15pm**.

Reading of the minutes from the Officers' Meeting held on **February 6, 2020** approved as read by Pascal Petiteau.

- **Sick Benefits:** Nothing to report.
- **Death Benefits:** Nothing to report.
- **Pension:** Nothing to report.
- **Dinner Dance:** The date is **Sunday, April 26, 2020**. The venue is **The Yale Club of New York** located at **50 Vanderbilt Avenue**. Letters were mailed on **Tuesday, February 25th**. Alain Quirin, Susan Lifrieri-Lowry, Henri Dubarry, and Jean-Michel Bournot had a meeting with the Chef of **The Yale Club** on **Wednesday, February 26th** and the menu & wines have been chosen. Alain Quirin reported that he is very happy with the menu, he knows the chef will do a good job and encourages everyone to invite their family and friends.
 - Prices will be set as follows:
 - \$310** per person for non-members;
 - \$210** per person for members and 1 guest;
 - \$125** per person for Officers and Trustees and 1 guest.
- **Culinarians' Home Foundation:** Nothing to report.
- **Events:**
 - **Société Culinaire Officers' Appreciation Dinner** will be held at **New York City College of Technology on Monday, March 23rd**. The reception begins at **6:00pm** with dinner to follow at **6:30pm**. Please use the entrance located at **Tillary Street between Adams and Jay Streets (enter through the big courtyard into the Atrium)**. It is called the **Library Quad**, due to the main entrance being renovated. If coming by subway, you can enter at **259 Adams Street, (under the scaffolding)**.

Events continued:

- **The Culinary Institute of America** will host the **14th Annual Leadership Awards** at the **Ziegfeld Ballroom, 141 W. 54th Street, on Thursday, April 2nd**. Two tickets were purchased at the cost of **\$1,000** each. Gérard Drouet and Maurice Bonté will attend.
- Sébastien Baud will be holding a future food competition every two years. The first competition will be held on **April 18, 2020** and named after Chef Jean-Jacques Dietrich.

- **Condominium:** The annual condo meeting was held on **Wednesday, February 26th at 8:30am** on the 8th floor. Gérard Drouet and Diane Capuano attended.
 - Work to replace the paving stones in front of the building will begin at the end of March; will take approximately 2 weeks.
 - Elevator work; converting heating system from oil to gas and roof work has all been completed.
 - Stairwell work is ongoing, this will take quite some time to be finished.

- **Dues:** Membership Dues have been increased to **\$175** for the year **2020**. **15** members still owe their dues.

- **Picnic:** A picnic meeting has been scheduled for **Tuesday, March 31st**. **August 21st** is the deadline to buy tickets this year, after that date a penalty will be incurred. Ticket prices are **\$55.00 and will increase to \$60.00 after August 21st**.
 - Coach bus has been reserved. It is a **56-passenger** bus, a **\$200 deposit** has been sent. Price is **\$1,050**.

- **Jules Weber Foundation:** Nothing to report.

- **Newsletter:** The Newsletter was emailed to all members and was mailed on **February 21st**. Louise Hoffman reported that the deadline for the next newsletter will be after the dinner dance. Louise asked for contributions for the upcoming newsletter.

- **Cemeteries:** Nothing to report.

- **Office:** Amanda Catton-Johnson started in the office on **Tuesday, February 18th**.
 - Called 8 retired members who do not have email to see if they want to receive Officers' Meeting Minutes. Was able to reach 7 of the members; and obtained 1 email. All of the members want the meeting minutes. Will send minutes to all 8 members.
 - Sent **66 emails** to members with the dinner dance information; **mailed 20** more dinner dance letters to those who did not have email.
 - The office sent Denise Petillo, daughter of Joseph Melz, an email notifying her of the family's ineligibility to claim death benefits due to by laws technicality.
 - Called several delinquent members to remind them their dues are overdue. Were successful with 2 members.
 - Started re-organizing the files; some of the invoice files date back to **1989**. Combined multiple files. Confirmed with Spence that copies of invoices only need to be kept for **7 years**.
 - Contacted website person to arrange a meeting to begin the updating. Waiting for call back.

- **Chapters:**
 - Mid-Hudson Chapter: Cynthia Keller has planned a meeting on Sunday, **March 29th**. **Location will be the EGG private dining room.** A morning tour at **10:00am** of **FDR's Presidential Library and Home** is also on the agenda. The cost for the tour of the library and house is **\$16 for seniors and \$20 for adults.**
 - Florida Chapter: Spring meeting will be held at **12:30pm on Monday, April 20th** at **Vincent's Bistro located in Lake Worth, FL.** Lunch will follow the meeting.
 - NJ Chapter: Michael Latour is planning a spring meeting at the **Joe Jefferson Club in Saddle River, NJ.** The date is to be determined.
 - LI Chapter: James Mollitor is planning a meeting in the spring. He's looking into where and when.

- **Report by the Committee of French Speaking Societies:** Nothing to report.

- **Special Activities and Outings:** There will be a tour of **Greenwood Cemetery on May 30, 2020.** A lunch will follow the tour at **Boutros** restaurant located at **185 Atlantic Avenue in Brooklyn.** Dominique Payraudeau arranged the lunch.

- **Miscellaneous:**
 - Subscription renewal to Les Cuisiniers De France received. Cost is **70 euros.** Henri Dubarry will pay the invoice and be reimbursed by the office.
 - Trustees' Luncheon will be held on **Sunday, May 3rd** at the **Culinarians' Home.** Invitations will be sent out soon.

The next Quarterly Members and Officers' Meeting will be held on **April 2, 2020.**
All members are welcome to attend.

Mr. Guillotin asked if anyone had any comments.

Mr. Guillotin thanked members who contributed to the buffet.

The meeting was adjourned at **4:09pm.**



MINUTES FOR OFFICERS MEETING THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2020

Attendees: Jacques Coustar, Maurice Bonté, Bernard Malet Dupont, Henry Dubarry, Yves Busnel, Michel Keller, Gérard Vidal, Jean F. Claude, Angel Sanay, Louise Hoffman, Michel Pombet, Pascal Petiteau, Luc Holié, Laurent Morisse, Pascal Guillotin, Nduvoakim Abdus-Salaam

The Meeting was opened up by President Pascal Guillotin at **3:00pm**.

Reading of the minutes of the Quarterly Meeting for Officers' and Members of **January 9, 2020** approved as read by Pascal Petiteau.

- **Office:**
 - Change in staff. We are in the process of looking for full-time office help. We have interviewed 7 people so far; an offer letter has been sent to Helene Semmel.
- **Pension:**
 - Alain Quirin's pension request was approved at the **January 23rd Trustees' Meeting**.
- **Death Benefits:** Joseph Melz, member who passed away on **December 10, 2019**, his death beneficiary form was insufficient, it named Jean-Jacques Dietrich. His daughter sent an email to the office asking how to claim death benefits for herself and her brothers. This will be discussed at the Trustees' meeting on **February 20th**.
- **Sickness Benefits:** Nothing to report.
- **Culinarian Home Foundation:** Michel Keller reported that they found a new way to access the pipes. They are on the right track.
- **Events:**
 - **The CIA Graduation of Société Culinaire Philanthropique Endowed Scholarship Recipient, Matthew Arce**, was held on **Friday, January 24th at 10:00am**. Pierre Baran and Dominique Payraudeau attended. Dominique Payraudeau said it was very nice, it was his first time attending, it was a good buffet.
 - **The CIA Associates Degree Graduation of Société Culinaire Philanthropique Endowed Scholarship Recipient, Liliana Dawidoff** will be held on **Friday, February, 14th at 10:00am** with a reception to follow. It will be held at the CIA's Marriott Pavilion. Attendees need to arrive by **9:30am** to meet Erin Decker. Mr. & Mrs. Michel Keller will attend.

- **Events continued:**
 - **Société Culinaire Officers' Appreciation Dinner** will be held at **New York City College of Technology** on **Monday, March 23rd**.
 - **The CIA** will host the **14th Annual Leadership Awards** at the **Ziegfeld Ballroom**, on **Thursday, April 2nd**, **two tickets will be purchased at the cost of \$1,000 per ticket.** **Gérard Drouet** and **Pascal Guillotin** will attend.
 - **Sébastien Baud** will be holding a future food competition every two years. The first competition will be held on **April 18, 2020**. It will be called the **Trophée Culinaire du Président Jean-Jacques Dietrich**. Check was mailed on **Monday, January 27th**.

- **Dinner Dance:**
 - The date is **Sunday, April 26, 2020**. The venue is **The Yale Club of New York** located at **50 Vanderbilt Avenue**. The revised contract was signed and sent to **Rachael Freedland** of **The Yale Club** on **January 9th**.
 - The band, **Manhattan City Music**, was sent their deposit of **\$2,052.00** on **January 13th** along with the signed contract.

- **Picnic:**
 - Waiting for **Steve Walljasper** to pick a date to schedule a picnic meeting in **March**. The deadline to purchase the picnic tickets is **August 21st**. This year there will be a penalty incurred for buying the tickets late.

- **Newsletter:**
 - **Louise Hoffman** to report. The newsletter will be sent out soon.

- **Report of the Chapters:**
 - **Mid-Hudson:** **Cynthia Keller** is planning a meeting on **Sunday, March 29th**. Location will be the **CIA in the EGG private dining room**. A group tour of the **FDR Presidential Library and FDR's home is also on the agenda**. The cost for the tour of the library and house is **\$16 for seniors and \$20 for adults**.
 - **NJ Chapter:** **Michael Latour** is planning a meeting in **May**.
 - **LI Chapter:** **James Mollitor** is planning a trip to an escargot farm on Long Island in the Spring time. A trip to the wineries and a regular farm is also being planned.
 - **Florida Chapter:** Nothing to report.

- **Report by the Committee of French Speaking Societies:** Nothing to report.

- **Report of the Cemeteries Committee:** Nothing to report.

- **Report by Archivist:** Nothing to report.

- **Report of the Jules Weber Foundation:** Nothing to report.

- **Condominium:**
 - Letter received that the maintenance charges have increased by **3%**, from **\$4,481.00** to **\$4,617.00**.
 - Annual Condo Meeting will be held on **Wednesday, February 26th at 8:30am** on the 8th floor. Gérard Drouet and Diane Capuano will attend. Jacques Coustar offered to be an alternate if one of the others cannot attend.

- **Special Activities and Outings:** There will be a tour of **Greenwood Cemetery** on **Saturday, May 30th** with lunch to follow at a restaurant in Brooklyn.

- **Membership:**
 - Membership Dues have been increased to **\$175 for the year 2020**. So far, **110** members (out of **138**) have paid their dues. There was discussion of imposing penalties to members who pay their dues past the due date. This will be brought up next week at the By-laws meeting. Someone suggested the members who are delinquent be given a phone call and let them know they will be charged a late fee.
****The membership dues were payable by the end of December 2019.**

- **Miscellaneous:** Thank you letter received from Robert Walljasper of the **International Chefs Association** for the donation received to the **Culinary Olympics in Stuttgart, Germany**. He will share the results of the competition at one of the monthly meetings and will do an article for the newsletter.

The next Officers' Meeting will be held on **Thursday, March 5th at 3:00pm**. All members are welcome to attend.

Mr. Guillotin asked if anyone had any comments.

Mr. Guillotin thanked members who contributed to the buffet.

The meeting was adjourned at **3:56pm**.



MINUTES OF THE QUARTERLY MEETING FOR OFFICERS AND MEMBERS THURSDAY, JANUARY 9, 2020

Attendees: Gérard Vidal, Henry Dubarry, Gérard Drouet, Michel Keller, Vincent Delvaux, André Moisan, Jean Le Rouzic, Thomas Santamaria, Pierre Baran, Michael Latour, Yves Busnel, Dominique Payraudeau, Maurice Bonté, Michael Colon, Jean Claude Blazy, Marc Bauer, Louise Hoffman, Thom Smyth, Massimo Bebbler, Jean-Jacques Rachou, Pascal Petiteau, Laurent Morisse, Luc Holié, Susan Lifrieri-Lowry, Thalia Pericles, Patrick O'Donnell, Joanne Lewin-Jacus, Daniel DiGiacomo, Pascal Guillotin, Sébastien Baud, Angel Sanay, Cedo Pavlovic, André Soltner, Robert Walljasper

Roll Call of Members:

Reading of the minutes of Officers' Meeting of **December 5, 2019** by Pascal Petiteau at **3:15pm**

- **Office:**
 - Change in staff. We are in the process of looking for full-time office help. It has been on-hold during the holiday season. Will start actively looking again.
 - **1099's** were mailed out on **Monday, January 6th**.
- **Pension:**
 - The January pension payment was disbursed on **January 3rd** to **151** retired members. All **151** members received their payment by bank transfer.
- **Death Benefits:** Nothing to report.
- **Sickness Benefits:** Nothing to report.
- **Culinarian Home Foundation:** Jean Le Rouzic to report. They took their first trip on **January 3rd** to the Home and were joined by Jean Claude and Claudie Blazy. They finished the losing raffle tickets for the **2020 Picnic**. One of the residents became ill and had to go to the hospital; she won't be returning. She needs to be on oxygen and is unable to live at the Home. The remaining residents are doing well and celebrated New Year's Eve together. The handyman is busy painting the inside of the house during the winter season.
- **Events:**
 - **The Chefs de Cuisine Association** will be holding its Holiday Event on **Saturday, January 11th at 11:45am** at **Monte's Trattoria** located at **97 McDougal Street**. Peter Mosconi will be the host. Mr. & Mrs. Yves Busnel, Mr. & Mrs. André Moisan, Mr. Henry Dubarry and Mr. Thomas Santamaria will attend.

- **Events continued:**
 - **The Culinary Institute of America Associates Degree Graduation of Société Culinaire Philanthropique Endowed Scholarship Recipient, Matthew Arce**, will be held on **Friday, January 24th at 10:00am**, Reception to follow. Pierre Baran and Laurent Morisse will attend and represent the Société.
 - Sébastien Baud will be holding a future food competition every two years. The first competition will be held on **April 18, 2020**. It will be called the **Trophée Culinaire du Président Jean-Jacques Dietrich**.

- **Dinner Dance:**
 - The date is **Sunday, April 26, 2020**. The venue is **The Yale Club of New York** located at **50 Vanderbilt Avenue**. The revised contract has been received.

- **Picnic:**
 - A great success, over **1,100** people attended. Steve Walljasper is planning on scheduling a picnic meeting in **March**. Pascal Guillotin spoke about the importance of purchasing the tickets on time and before the **August 21st** deadline. This year there will be a penalty for buying the tickets late; and there is the possibility of not getting a ticket.

- **Newsletter:**
 - Louise Hoffman to report. They are hoping for a late January launch. Louise sent an email asking for contributions on members news, food and travel, food history, recipes and other events that might be of interest to the SCP members. Louise noted there is still some space available in this newsletter, please reach out to the committee and send in your article, recipe or photos.

- **Report of the Chapters:**
 - Florida Chapter: Held their **4th Annual Holiday Dinner on Sunday, January 5th at Chez Marie French Bistro in Boca Raton, FL**. Maurice Pailleret called the office on Monday and said the dinner was very nice. **Twenty-six** people attended, **(21 members and 5 guests)** including Jean F. Claude.
 - Mid-Hudson: Cynthia Keller is planning a meeting in **March**.
 - NJ Chapter: Michael Latour is planning a meeting in **May**. Looking to do something different, maybe a visit to a mushroom farm or fishing trip?
 - LI Chapter: James Mollitor is planning a trip to an escargot farm on Long Island in the Spring time. A trip to the wineries and a regular farm is also being planned all on the same day.

- **Report by the Committee of French Speaking Societies:** Nothing to report.

- **Report of the Cemeteries Committee:**
 - The **Mt. Hope Cemetery** bill was paid on **December 31, 2019** in the amount of **\$1,291.00**; an increase of **\$40.00** from last year (**\$1,251.00**).

- **Report by Archivist:** Nothing to report.

- **Report of the Jules Weber Foundation:** Nothing to report.

- **Condominium:** Annual Condo Meeting will be held on **Wednesday, February 26th at 8:30am** on the **8th floor**. Gérard Drouet and Diane Capuano will attend.

- **Special Activities and Outings:** There will be a tour of **Greenwood Cemetery on Saturday, May 30th** with a light lunch to follow at Salaam's restaurant in Brooklyn.

- **Report of the Jules Weber Foundation:** Nothing to report.
- **Membership:**
 - Membership Dues have been increased to **\$175 for the year 2020**. So far, **83** members (out of **138**) have paid their dues.
****The membership dues were payable by the end of December 2019.**

The next **Officers' Meeting** will be held on **Thursday, February 6th at 3:00pm**.

Mr. Guillotin asked if anyone had any comments.

Mr. Guillotin thanked members who contributed to the buffet.

Meeting was adjourned at **3:45pm**



MINUTES FOR OFFICERS' MEETING THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2019

Attendees: Gérard Drouet, Maurice Bonté, Henry Dubarry, Gérard Vidal, Yves Busnel, Maurice Pailleret, Susan Lifrieri-Lowry, Luc Holié, Laurent Morisse, Pascal Petiteau, André Soltner, Dominique Payraudeau, Pascal Guillotin, Nduvoakim Abdus-Salaam, Cedo Pavlovic.

Reading of the minutes of the Officers' Meeting of **November 7, 2019** at **3:12pm** by Pascal Petiteau.

- **Office:**
 - Change in office staff. We are looking for full-time office help. Interviews are on-going.
 - Christmas cards have been mailed out.
 - Yearbook is in the process of being mailed out.
- **Pension:**
 - Patrick Smet-Chevron's pension request was approved at the **November 21st** Trustees' Meeting.
 - Dominique Mitais pension request will be delayed by one year. This was decided at the **November 21st** Trustees' Meeting.
- **Death Benefits:** Nothing to report.
- **Sickness Benefits:** Maurice Pailleret's request for sick benefits was approved by the Trustees at the **November 21st** meeting. A check was sent on **November 22nd**.
- **Picnic:** A great success. Over 1,100 people attended.
- **Culinarian Home Foundation:** Christmas party will be on **Saturday, December 7th**. Jean Le Rouzic said they are expecting about eighty people including a visit from Père Noël.
- **Events:**
 - **The Culinary Institute of America's Bachelor's Degree Graduation** will be held on **Wednesday, December 18th at 3:30pm** located in the **Marriott Pavilion in Hyde Park, NY** with a reception to follow. Mr. & Mrs. Maurice and Rosa Pailleret will attend and represent the **Société Culinaire Philanthropique**.
 - Sébastien Baud will be holding a future food competition and it will be held at the International Culinary Center every two years. The first competition will be held on **April 18, 2020**. It will be called the **Trophée Culinaire du Président Jean-Jacques Dietrich**.
- **Newsletter:** Louise said we are aiming for a late January launch. Looking for articles to be contributed.
- **Dinner Dance:** Date is **Sunday, April 26, 2020**. Venue is **The Yale Club of New York**, located at 50 Vanderbilt Avenue. Alain Quirin received the contract for review, he was not happy with it and has asked for another copy like the one from 2016 which is all inclusive. Anthony Arbeeney will work on it and have something possibly in a week.

- **Report of the Chapters:**
 - Florida Chapter: The 4th Annual Dinner will be held on **Sunday, January 5th at Chez Marie in Boca Raton, FL**. Invitations were mailed on **Monday, December 2nd**.
 - LI Chapter: A meeting was held on **Tuesday, November 19th at 7:00pm at Jonathan's Restaurant** in New Hyde Park. Eleven people attended.
 - Mid-Hudson: Nothing to report.
 - NJ Chapter: Nothing to report.

- **Report by the Committee of French Speaking Societies:** Nothing to report.

- **Report of the Cemeteries Committee:** Nothing to report.

- **Report by Archivist:** Nothing to report.

- **Report of the Jules Weber Foundation:** Nothing to report.

- **Condominium:** There was a leak in the windows in Diane's office; the building manager was notified and came to inspect the damage. They will come and do pointing from the outside and then fix the inside. Diane has sent Javier Solis, Building Manager, a follow-up email to find out the status of when work can be done.

- **Special Activities and Outings:** There will be a tour of **Greenwood Cemetery on May 30, 2020**. Lunch will follow the tour.

- **Report of the Jules Weber Foundation:** Nothing to report.

- **Membership:**
Membership Dues have been increased to **\$175 for the year 2020**. Invoices have been emailed to all members and mailed to those without email. Payment has begun to be received in the office.
****The membership dues must be received in the office by the end of December 2019.**

- **Miscellaneous:** Discussion was held if a person can become a member if they only have investors or a green card. This will have to be looked into.

Mr. Guillotin asked if anyone had any comments.

Mr. Guillotin thanked members who contributed to the buffet.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:49pm.



MINUTES FOR OFFICERS MEETING THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2019

Attendees: Gérard Drouet, André Moisan, Michel Keller, Jean Le Rouzic, Thomas Santamaria, Bernard Malet Dupont, Henry Dubarry, Yves Busnel, Jean Claude Blazy, Gérard Vidal, Susan Lifrieri-Lowry, Maurice Pailleret, Luc Holié, Maurice Bonté, Jean Géraud, Steve Walljasper, Louise Hoffman, Dominique Payraudeau, Nduvoakim Abdus-Salaam, Pascal Guillotin, Angel Sanay

Reading of the minutes of the Quarterly Meeting Officers' and Members Meeting of **October 3, 2019** by Susan Lifrieri-Lowry at **3:22pm**.

▪ **Office:**

- Change in office staff. We are looking for full-time office help.
- Yearbook is in production. **350 copies** will be printed. Expected delivery date is **November 13th**.
- **NYC Not-for-Profit Property Tax Exemption Form** was filed for tax year **2020-2021**.
- **990PF Tax Payment of \$8,000** was made on **November 1st** for the Culinarians' Home Foundation.

▪ **Pension:** Nothing to report.

▪ **Death Benefits:** Nothing to report.

▪ **Sickness Benefits:** Nothing to report.

- **Picnic:** A great success. Over **1,100 people attended**. Steve Walljasper said we did a good job. Always looking to improve on things.

▪ **Culinarian Home Foundation:** Jean Le Rouzic to report.

- There was damage from the storm; trees and branches fell down. We are thinking of renting a chipper to get rid of the pile of wood debris.
- The compressor in the main freezer broke down. It was only a little over a year old and will be replaced under the warranty.
- Jean Claude and Claudie Blazy joined us on **Sunday, November 3rd** at the Home. Monday morning we continued the clean-up of the branches and downed trees with the help of handyman, Robert, who had already started the job on Saturday.
- Monday afternoon we went to Kingston to look at a new van with Robert who knows some of the works at the dealership. We are interested in a 2019 Dodge Caravan, similar to the one we have now.
- We have a full-house back at the Home. Anna is back from the hospital and she is happy to be back and enjoying the food.

▪ **Events:**

- **Les Amis d'Escoffier Society of New York** is holding their **83rd Annual Black Tie Dinner on Friday, November 8th at the Four Seasons Hotel**. Two tickets were purchased and Pascal Guillotin and Susan Lifrieri-Lowry will attend. Tickets cost **\$425** per person.
- **The Federation of French War Veterans' Dinner** will be held on **Sunday, November 10th at 1:00pm at Jubilee Restaurant**. Tickets cost **\$75.00 each**. Four tickets will be purchased. Henry Dubarry and friend and Mr. and Mrs. Yves Busnel will attend.

- **Events continued:**
 - Sébastien Baud will be holding a future food competition to promote French cuisine among young chefs. It will be held at the International Culinary Center every two years. The first competition will be held on **April 18, 2020**. It will be called the **Trophée Culinaire du Président Jean-Jacques Dietrich**. The Société Culinaire will be kept informed and billed as an equal partner. Jean Claude Blazy attended a planning meeting held on **Tuesday, October 22nd** and reported the competition is on **April 18, 2020**. An official invitation with details will be sent closer to the date. All the information is in the packet that Sebastien Baud handed out at the previous Officers Meeting.

- **Newsletter:**

Was emailed to all members and mailed to Officers, Trustees, international members and those without email. Louise Hoffman thanked everyone for their contributions. Moving forward have to decide when to launch the next newsletter.

- **Dinner Dance:** Date is **Sunday, April 26, 2020**. Venue is **The Yale Club of New York**, located at 50 Vanderbilt Avenue. Save the Date email was sent to all members on **October 28th**.

- **Report of the Chapters:**
 - LI Chapter: James Mollitor called and is planning on having a meeting at **7:00pm** at the **Seven Seas Diner** located on Northern Blvd. in Great Neck, NY. The tentative date is **Tuesday, November 19th**.
 - NJ Chapter: Nothing to report.
 - Mid-Hudson: Nothing to report.
 - Florida Chapter: Nothing to report.

- **Eileen DeMarco's Visit to NY:** Eileen DeMarco came to New York on **Wednesday, October 23rd through mid-day of Friday, October 25th** and helped out in the office. She continued her work and made great progress on the Picnic Standard Operating Procedure Manual. Worked on the Timeline document for more details and dates.
 - She helped to reorganize 3 file drawers in the main office and shredded unnecessary paperwork.
 - Assisted in the mailing of the newsletter.
 - Composed plan for creation of Dinner Dance Standard Operating Procedure Manual.

- **Report by the Committee of French Speaking Societies:** The next meeting is on **Thursday, November 14th at 6:30pm** located at the **Consulat Général of France, 934 Fifth Avenue**.

- **Report of the Cemeteries Committee:** Nothing to report.

- **Report by Archivist:** Nothing to report.

- **Report of the Jules Weber Foundation:** Nothing to report.

- **Condominium:** There was a leak in the windows in Diane's office; the building manager was notified and came to inspect the damage. They will come and do pointing from the outside and then fix the inside.

- **Special Activities and Outings:** There will be a tour of **Greenwood Cemetery** on **May 30, 2020**. Lunch will follow the tour. Angel Sanay will speak with Salaam about dining at his restaurant.

- **Report of the Jules Weber Foundation:** Nothing to report.

- **Membership:**
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- **Miscellaneous:** Cynthia Keller wanted to share the news of her sister having the opportunity of interviewing M. Philippe Etienne the French Ambassador on Monday at the French consulate. She is the vice chair of the Managed Funds Association and the conversation was focused mainly on European integration, the EU agenda on sustainable finance, and the future of capital markets in Europe. Louise and Susan suggested Cynthia Keller write an article about this for the newsletter.

Mr. Guillotin asked if anyone had any comments.

Mr. Guillotin thanked members who contributed to the buffet.



MINUTES FOR QUARTERLY MEETING FOR OFFICERS AND MEMBERS THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2019

Attendees: Jacques Coustar, Michel Keller, Jean-Claude Blazy, André Soltner, Gerard Vidal, Henry Dubarry, Oscar Salvador, Gaspar Caloz, Maurice Pailleret, Pascal Petiteau, Laurent Morisse, Michel Carrer, Susan Lifrieri-Lowry, Arno Schmidt, Louise Hoffman, Bernard Malet Dupont, Pascal Guillotin, Nduvoakim Abdus-Salaam

Reading of the minutes of Officers' Meeting of **June 6, 2019** at **3:13pm** by Pascal Petiteau.

Roll Call of Members:

- Introduction of new member Laurent Morisse. Photos taken with President, Pascal Guillotin, and Laurent's sponsors, Luc Holié and Pascal Petiteau.
- **Office:**
 - Change in staff. Pascal announced that Christine Blumenauer didn't work out. We are in the process of looking for office help; possibly part-time or full-time.
 - Yearbook is ready to go to the printer. Office noted it has gone to the printer. **350** copies will be printed.
- **Pension:**
 - Michel Rossignol's pension request was approved by the Trustees at the **September 19th** meeting. He has been a member since **June 22, 1989**.
 - The October pension payment was made on **October 1st** to **150** retired members. **149** members received it via bank transfer and **1** manual check was written (Michel Rossignol).
- **Death Benefits:**
 - Jean-Jacques Dietrich, **80 years old**, retired member of the Société Culinaire Philanthropique since **January 9, 1964**, death benefits were approved by the Trustees at the **September 19th** meeting. Checks were sent to Mrs. Rosa Dietrich on **October 1st**.
- **Sickness Benefits:**
 - Franz Wielander's request for **18 days** of sickness benefits was approved by the Trustees at the **September 19th** meeting. Check was sent to Franz Wielander on **September 27th**.
 - Michel Keller's request for **80 days** of sickness benefits was approved by the Trustees at the **September 19th** meeting. Check was sent to Michel Keller on **September 27th**. Michel Keller was present at the meeting and personally thanked everyone for his sickness benefit.
- **Culinarian Home Foundation:** Nothing to report.
- **Events:**
 - Marc Sarrazin represented the Société Culinaire at the **Food and Beverage Association's Ninth Annual Golf Outing** this past **Tuesday, October 1st**. It was held at the **Old Oaks Country Club** in Purchase, NY. Proceeds will benefit the **Food & Beverage Scholarship Association**.

Events continued:

- Sébastien Baud will be holding a future food competition to promote French cuisine among young chefs. It will be held at the **International Culinary Center** every two years. The first competition will be held in **April of 2020**. It will be called the **Trophée Culinaire du Président Jean-Jacques Dietrich**. The Société Culinaire will be kept informed and billed as an equal partner.
- **Four (4) Supporter tickets** at \$500 per ticket were purchased for the **Best of New York Awards Presentation, Celebrating Innovation hosted by the Directors of NYC College of Technology on Wednesday, October 16th at 6:00pm**. Henry Dubarry, Pascal Guillotin, André Moisan and Thomas Santamaria will attend and represent the Société Culinaire Philanthropique.

▪ **Picnic:**

- The longer tent, **60 x 180** was used. We had **55 6' tables** and **90 8' tables**, plus **1,200 chairs**.
- The price of the tickets will be **\$55.00** per ticket; **prices for tables of 10 will be done away with**. Discussion was held about penalizing latecomers after the deadline date. Louise Hoffman suggested a nicer way of saying it. "Get your tickets now at the discounted price of **\$55.00** or wait and be charged **\$75.00** after August 21st." Everyone liked that idea.
- **Coach Bus** – We will get the larger coach bus for next year too.
- **Eurotronix** – Bigger sound system was used. Everyone heard better.
- **Roaming Accordionist** – Steve Mazzuca – Good reviews - will bring him back next year.
- **Liquor License** – Steve Walljasper to work on that for next year.
- Jean Le Rouzic made the room reservations for the weekend of the Picnic. **23 rooms** were reserved.

▪ **Newsletter:**

- In progress. Beirne Lowry has offered to help. Louise Hoffman said the articles are in place, hopefully will launch soon.

▪ **Report of the Chapters:**

- NJ Chapter: Nothing to report.
- Mid-Hudson: Nothing to report.
- Florida Chapter: Nothing to report.
- LI Chapter: Nothing to report.

▪ **Report by the Committee of French Speaking Societies:** The meeting was **Thursday, September 26th**. We missed the meeting.

▪ **Report of the Cemeteries Committee:** Nothing to report.

▪ **Report by Archivist:** Nothing to report.

▪ **Report of the Jules Weber Foundation:** Nothing to report.

▪ **Condominium:** Nothing to report.

▪ **Special Activities and Outings:** Looking into having a tour of **Greenwood Cemetery** located in Brooklyn and a lunch following the tour at the end of next May.

▪ **Report of the Jules Weber Foundation:** Nothing to report.

- **Membership:**
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