



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**