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Dear Members,

On behalf of your Executive Committee and Board of Directors, I wish you and your families a very happy and festive holiday season and a healthy and an adventurous new year in 2023!

We concluded the 2022 wine education events this past Sunday December 11<sup>th</sup> through a spirited exploration of Wine & Cheese pairings with Janet Fletcher (Planet Cheese) and co-led by Cellarmaster Dr. Bob Blumberg. The setting of the Mill Valley Community Center's Mountain Room with views of Mt. Tamalpais was most conducive to gathering, tasting, sampling, and comparing our impressions. We will soon post photos of Dr. Jim Gallagher carefully siphoning a Buena Vista Vineyards Pinot Noir Ramal Vineyard 2008 in Jeroboam and decanting a Robert Mondavi Winery Cabernet Sauvignon 1978 Cabernet prior to serving. Thanks to Dr. Richard Geist for his donation of the Pinot Noir Jeroboam.

We invite you to save-the-date of Saturday, February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023 for the 84<sup>th</sup> Annual Dinner at Piperade in San Francisco. We will enjoy the cozy ambience of a private room at this acclaimed "West Coast Basque Cuisine" destination. Dinner will include appetizers and a five-course menu created by Chef Gerald Hirigoyen, paired with exceptional wines. The menu and pricing details will follow soon. Thanks to Dr. Elizabeth Kass for organizing this year's annual dinner.

As President, I have enjoyed many conversations this year with longstanding and new members as well. *We aim to welcome members and guests at every opportunity* and appreciate your participation! We are very thankful for each of our members, our Board of Directors and Executive Committee, for Claire Keiser - Executive Secretary, and for those who have made donations throughout the year to support the society. We ask you to consider making a cash gift donation to the Society of Medical Friends of Wine, a certified 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Cash donations in addition to member dues help to support the Society's annual operating costs. Donor acknowledgement letters are issued for all cash and in-kind (wine) gifts. Please contact Claire Keiser for details on sending checks or Zelle payments.

In closing, please join me in offering a toast to SMFW, about to enter its' 84<sup>th</sup> annual year, at which point I will transfer the gavel to President-Elect Dr. Maynard Johnston at Piperade on February 18, 2023! Meanwhile, I invite you to share your ideas, feedback and suggestions (or great wine tips) with me at [societyofmedicalfriendsofwine@gmail.com](mailto:societyofmedicalfriendsofwine@gmail.com).

Cheers,

**David Schwartz MD, President**