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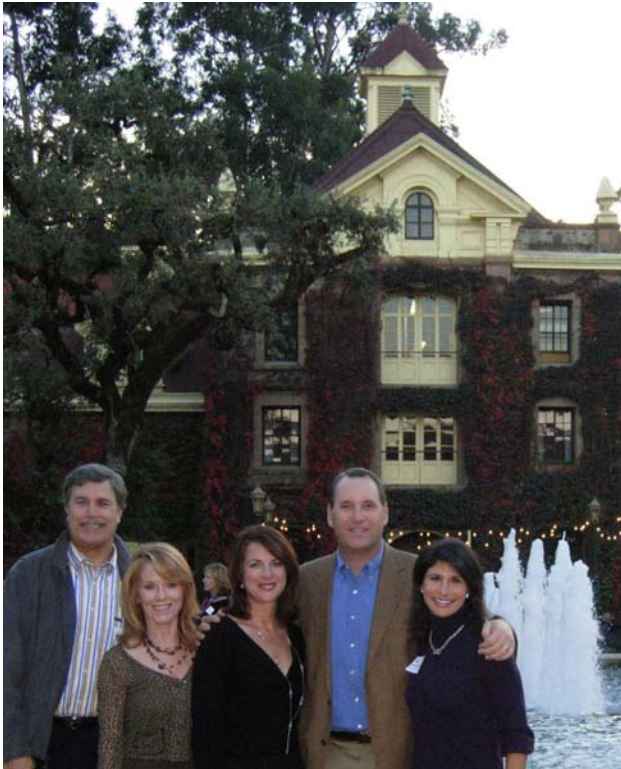
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Harvest Moon Memories – 2007

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The historic Rubicon Estate (formerly founded as Inglenook in 1879, and restored by Francis Ford Coppola) was the beautiful setting for LFW's annual Harvest Moon Dinner event.



President Bill Smith took great pictures of our festive group. You may see yourself in action at our new [LFW Photo Gallery](#). *The password is in your e-mail for this edition.*

Our visit included a tour of the Rubicon caves followed by a reception in the Magic Lantern Museum in the Grand Chateaux.

Wonderful appetizers accompanied offerings that included Blancaneax, Edizione Pennino Zinfandel, CASK Cabernet (with a wooden label), and even the flagship Rubicon.

The mood was also enhanced by the presence of a mint condition Tucker automobile (one of two owned by Coppola) included in the movie Tucker which he directed. (George Lucas also owns two; he produced the movie.)

Of the fifty-one Tuckers that were made, forty-seven are still around according to the [Official Tucker Club of America](#). (Recently, I created a voice actor audition [commercial](#) in admiration of Tuckers.)

I wonder if the Tucker we saw at Rubicon is the one that was always parked right across the street on Marina Drive in Alameda, where as a kid, I had to make sure when we were playing out front that we didn't hit it with our ball. (Wasn't even in the driveway!)

In perfect condition, these cars may fetch up to seven figures. (That could be exchanged for a substantial amount of Rubicon wine which many attendees acquired for their home cellars.)



Our festivities organized by Cellarmaster Steve Pitcher, Denise Malatesta and our committee board members continued in the impressive South Barrel Room with dinner, more wine and singing. Congrats to all for another terrific event!

Summer Fun: South African Wines by the Bay

On September 15, Skip Walker and wife Anne opened their bayside home to Lawyer Friends of Wine for a festive day of South African wine tasting.



We were introduced to offerings by Graham Beck, one of South Africa's finest and most established premium winery estates, whose vineyards and facilities date back to the 1600's.

Facilitator Chris Nick provided comparison tastings with similar wines from well-known regions throughout the world.

We also indulged ourselves with hors d'oeuvres served throughout the afternoon, followed by an outdoor buffet.

Our captivating Italian-style villa setting with a backdrop of the bay provided an ideal stage for entertaining singing by the group known as Ross Commons.

With wine glass in hand, many of us ventured on a tour of the home through the secret passages and down the slides. Others relaxed on the open piazza or even the loggia that overlooks Richardson Bay and Mt. Tam.

For more images of the day, visit our website [photo gallery](#). *Use the same password.* A toast to Skip and Anne for inviting us into their home for this fun event.

Soon after, Paul and Ellen Gutierrez made a trek to Stellenbosch. South Africa, in the heart of the South African wineland about 75 miles east of Cape Town for their own first-hand tasting experience.



For Paul's "Foreign Correspondent" article on wine tasting in South Africa, click [here](#).

LFW Photo Gallery Features!

Why are the Andersons smiling?

Because terrific pictures like this one of our members enjoying our events are being uploaded



for you to: view individually full size (filling your entire computer screen) or in an online slide show of the event, or to e-mail to friends, or to have printed for as little as 19 cents, or to have printed and framed, or to even have printed on a t-shirt.

The photos are private and can only be viewed with the password (don't forget it) you received in the e-mail with this edition.

(If anyone views a photo of themselves that they'd like removed, simply [e-mail me](#) with "LFW Photo Remove" in the subject, and I'll promptly remove it.) If you have photos, send them all at once via [YouSendIt.com](#) (free) to CBlunden@PresentationLab.com.

Holiday Claret Dinner is Coming

You should have received and responded to the flyer for the next club activity which will feature *outstanding* wine from the LFW cellar, great food, and holiday festivities, including our ever-popular cravat contest. Be sure to wear your most remarkable "holiday-themed" tie, as judged by volume of applause, and win a prize!