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DECEMBER HOLIDAY PARTY HIGHLIGHTS



Our December Holiday Party at the Chicago Westin North Shore was well attended. The Osteria restaurant provided a perfect setting for this festive and relaxed event to celebrate the season. Our topic for the night was “Cheese and Wine Pairings: The Value of Local and Diverse Foods”.

A big thank you to Diane Osgood and David Bennett who presented three pairings of cheeses and wines produced in Illinois, Wisconsin and Michigan. They educated us about how to taste properly and what to look for in terms of attributes. All products originated from small-scale cheese and wine makers and their unique tastes delighted and “challenged” the palates of many of us who might be accustomed to the usual fare of Cheddar and Merlot. In addition some information was provided about the challenges local producers face. Diane is on the board of Slow Food Chicago, the local branch of an international organization founded in Italy that promotes small-scale and sustainable production of local foods. Take a look at their website at www.slowfoodchicago.org for a lot of useful information. And a special thank you goes to Wirtz Beverages for donating the wine.





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**Congratulations to the evening's raffle winners:
Michele Canar and Mary Ellen Druyan**



Our Speakers

