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VALENTINE'S DAY DINNER MEETING

**6:30 P.M.
February 13, 2006**

Location
**Elaine's Restaurant
1841 Berlin Turnpike
Wethersfield, CT**

Menu
**Gourmet Dinner
with assorted wines**

Dress Code
Business Attire

Program
**Wine Education
With samples!**



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AT THE LAST MEETING

Robert Houle opened the meeting at 7:00PM. Just before leading us in the Pledge of Allegiance, Bob cited two stories he had recently heard. One was about a petition on the internet of over 7,000 signatures to reinstate the Pledge of Allegiance in our schools. The second one was about a POW during the Vietnam war. He had made an American Flag from shreds of material which he kept hidden under his shirt except when they had dinner alone. Then he would display the flag for his fellow prisoners to see. One day the guards caught sight of the flag, destroyed it and beat him senseless. He started again the next day

to make another American Flag! With these stories in mind, Bob then lead us in reciting our Pledge of Allegiance. Paul Labbe said grace.

There were 19 members and 2 guests present. The gross Scholarship Raffle amount was \$135.00. The winners were Rita Houle (\$15), Rita Houle (\$10) and Paul Bertrand (\$10). The net raffle was \$135.00. There are no errors in what you have just read. But what you may have missed, are the generous donations by all the winners of their prizes, back to Franam. In the Pot-O-Gold, Rejean Lessard's name jumped to the top, so he won \$10, which he also donated back to the club.

We had a father and daughter team address us on financial matters. Mark and Julie Beauchamp laid out some financial do's and don'ts for those of us young enough to be thinking about retirement. Pointing out that an estate of less than \$2 million dollars can now be passed on without any inheritance tax. You should pay yourself monthly, using the compounding interest of savings vehicles to build wealth. Time is on your side when compounding interest is used. Stock investing should be done over time via dollar cost averaging. Paying for your child's education with a 529 plan provides flexibility as well as tax advantages. Their advice will definitely stand the test of time. And time will bring on our retirement.



Monday – February 13, 2006

6:30 p.m. till 9:00p.m.

Elaine's Restaurant will feature a special Valentine's Day dinner and a selection of three different types of Australian Wine. Our host Dino will give us a brief description of each and educate us on which wine goes best with different types of food. In addition to the wine, a chocolate fountain will be available for dipping a variety of fruits. Come and experience pure heaven on earth.

Members: \$15.00 (includes Gourmet Dinner & wine)

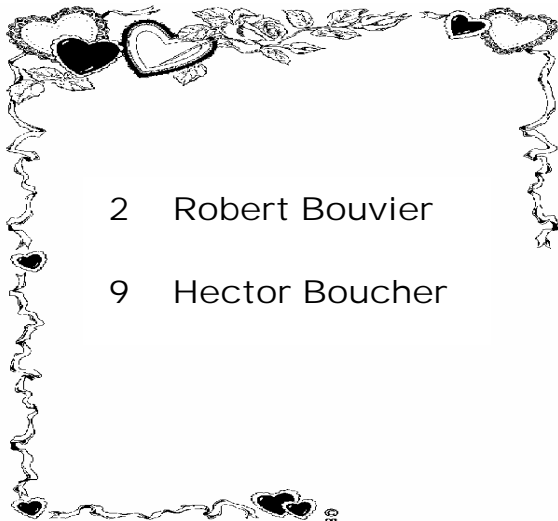
Non-members:\$30.00

Board Members will contact you for tickets.

Menu: Each course will feature a different wine compatible to what is being served. 1st Course will feature a Riesling Wine with the Appetizer; Cheese & Crudités, and the Mixed Green Salad w/ Raspberry Vinaigrette. The 2nd Course will feature a Chardonnay w/ Tortellini Genovese (w/creamy pesto sauce). The 3rd course will feature a Shiraz/ Cabernet. N.Y. Strip Au Poirve (pepper encrusted and pan seared in shallot brandy cream sauce. Served w/twice baked potato and vegetable.) This will be followed by Coffee & Dessert.

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FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS



- 2 Robert Bouvier
9 Hector Boucher

SCHOLARSHIP



The second and final scholarship payments have been mailed. All the recipients should show a credit on their accounts.

Applications for the upcoming 2005-2006 scholarship year will be available at the General Meeting. If you cannot make that meeting call me at (860)643-2072 and I will mail you one. The absolute deadline to return the application is April 1, 2006. The Board has voted to make available up to \$4,000 again this year for scholarships.

DATES TO REMEMBER

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| May 8, 2006 | Annual Meeting |
| June 2006 | Family Picnic |
| October, 2006 | Family Night |
| December 2006 | Christmas Party |

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