

Sixth Annual “An Elegant Evening of Food and Wine Pairing” Continues to have Great Success. This year’s event was held in connection with our 1<sup>st</sup> Alumni Reunion Meeting.

Six years, wow where has time gone! The one hundred thirty-two guests (132), some returning, some new, anticipated the start to this fabulous fundraising event learning and enjoying the foods and wines from California. Over the past six years this elegant evening has raised over \$100,000 for the Dermatology Research Endowment Fund.

The evening began with welcoming remarks from Dr. James Marks, chair, Department of Dermatology. Dr. Diane Thiboutot introduced and recognized her research in acne which will lead to better and safer treatment of this affliction. Dr. Marks then turned the evening over to Mr. Dean Koppenhaver, our wine educator, for the evening as he introduced everyone to the wonderful food and wines of California. Between courses, guests were able to offer bids on many donated items including wines, restaurant venues, and travel destinations to name a few. We thank those individuals and business that donated auction items.



A special thank you to all our sponsors of this elegant event: “Platinum” sponsor is Amgen, “Gold” sponsors are Anne G. Leader, and Edward H. and Jeanne D. Arnold Foundation. Our “Silver” sponsors include Hershey Entertainment and Resorts, Hershey Foods, G.R. Sponaugle, and Lebanon Mutual Insurance Company. Our “Bronze” sponsors this year include, Centocor Ortho Biotech Inc., Country Meadows, and Members 1<sup>st</sup> and our “Bronze” sponsor was Klick-Lewis. We sincerely thank everyone for their continued support.

This year’s Food and Wine Event was held in conjunction with the first *State of the Arts Issues Symposium* that was held April 15-16, 2011. Forty-three (43) alumni of the Penn State, Department of Dermatology, and College of Medicine attended along with ninety (90) other health-care professionals who are interested in updates on advances in the understanding and treatment of skin diseases.

***A Taste of the Future “Going Green” - April 14, 2012***

Plans are again underway for next year, as the theme will honor foods and wines made from organic and natural foods. Save the date!