

L'ESPERIENZA DEL VINO ITALIANO
By Doris Hurban

March 21 at Phillippi Landings Clubhouse was the scene of an enthused group of members and guests who attended our wine experience evening to learn about how glasses can affect the taste of your drinks plus a fact-filled but fun event regarding the history of wine and glasses.

Did you know Italians were responsible for saving our vineyards in the USA during the Prohibition era? Or how Constantine also was responsible for promoting Roman/Italian wines a couple thousand years ago? Our guest speaker, George Muller, kept us riveted as he explained many facets of wine, history and glassware through thousands of years. Samples were shown of early glassware to help us visually understand the evolution of glass. Skeptics at our function gradually became believers! *Glasses really do matter!!!*

George Muller, a new member of GCICS, is a fifth generation leader in glassware. George was apprenticed at a young age in his family's glass business, The Flemington Cut Glass Co., in Flemington, NJ. He is the Ambassador in the USA of The Reidel Glass Co. from Austria for the last 20 years. George today, although retired from his Flemington Cut Glass Co., is a popular speaker in our country and in Europe, plus on various cruise ships. Our attendees at our wine experience can truly understand why he is so in demand.

George Arfield chose the wines we used to demonstrate the glass tasting. He and his wife, Pam, generously found our most suitable location. Although Doris and Tom Hurban were the organizers of the event, nothing could have been accomplished without a team of energetic volunteers: Pam and George Arfield, Carol and Jerry Hall, Mary Lou Ferrari, tables and chairs provided by Bobbi Rumpf, Hall, Bondarenko, Ferrari, Hurban, Arfield, Lazzarotti, Schubert. Food shoppers Doris and Pam hunted at Costco. Doris applauds all who helped to make the evening successful and fun, but especially George Muller, who made it all happen!

Thanks to all who attended and contributed to make our Wine Experience a most successful event!