



## Christmas Party – Dec 11

Café Zalute in Rosemont will be hosting our Christmas party beginning at **6:30** PM (note earlier time). Cost will be \$15 per person with the Club making up the difference. Please bring your spouses and significant others. Home or commercial brew or other alcoholic beverages are encouraged. Reservations should be made to Chris Kelle at [chriskay@gmail.com](mailto:chriskay@gmail.com). If you are in doubt about showing up, do not make a reservation. You can always come and the place will accommodate you. But the Club is on the hook for your dinner if we counted your reservation and you don't show up.

### December Meeting Agenda:

1. Winter Pub Crawl
2. Season's Greetings

## Upcoming Club Events

Tuesday, Jan 8 – Monthly meeting, Durty Nellies in Palatine, 7:30 PM, AHA Beer OG>1.040 Contest

Tuesday, Feb 12 – Road Trip, Wild Onion, Lake Barrington, All-Grain Beer Entries Due, AHA Barley Wine Contest, 7:30 PM.

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## Nov. 2012 Meeting Notes

Three guests were introduced.

Chris Kelle, who had volunteered to organize the Christmas Party, was in the spotlight. He talked about the location, Café Zalute in Rosemont, which can hold 80 people. The dinner would be a buffet featuring mushrooms, pizza, calamari, chicken wings, and ravioli among other things. As promised I described two buffet options, BBQ and Irish, which we could have at Durty Nellies. Each location was put to a vote and Café Zalute won overwhelmingly.

Paul Lange next talked about the Winter Pub Crawl. It would be on January 26, which is the open weekend before Super Bowl weekend. Possible stops include Pour House in Old Town, Barrel House on Clark and Ohio, and Hopleaf. Paul urged more members to consider going as this is a Club function. Members were asked to commit at the December meeting with money due by the first of 2013.

Next came a discussion about Evan Van Dyke's proposal for a tasting table at the meetings. Evan wants to train to become a judge, and felt that the table idea would give much better feedback to members on their brewing. He offered to take over all aspects of organizing and running it. I brought up the idea of using the tasting table as the decider of our AHA representative while still holding a popular vote, as had been done when the Club was first founded. That idea was not accepted by some members and so was tabled for the future. We were reminded by Jim Thommes that he is a beer judge so the Club has 2 judges (John Thomas being the other). After the discussion it was decided that there would be no more than 4 people at the table,

membership would be rotated, and Evan would not do it if no one else wanted to join him at any meeting.

John Hannemann reported on the latest Treasury balance. There were no other committee reports.

It was announced that Dirty Nellies was selling a 12-tap with drip tray system for \$200. Anyone interested should talk to the bartender that night. Attendees to the Dirty Nellies Fall Fest reported to be disappointed with the beer selection.

## **Treasurer's Report November 2012**

Cash On Hand - \$1,361.19

Bills Owed:

Elliot for Equipment - \$150.00

## **AHA Beer Contests**

Note the style guideline numbers (and letters) after each beer. You can check at [www.homebrewersassociation.org](http://www.homebrewersassociation.org) to get the style info.

February 2013 – Onion Pub All-Grain Contest & AHA Barley Wine (19B & C)

May 2013 – Extract Only

September 2013 – Amber European Lagers

## **Classified Section**

Three-pound (1 Quart) containers of honey; Cost is \$8.00; Contact Elliot Hamilton at [elliioth@m11.net](mailto:elliioth@m11.net)