

Carpathia Club, Inc.

Fine Wine, Fine Advice

On Thursday, May 11, a Wine Tasting Event was held at the Birmingham Country Club by Frank Bologna and Steve DuCharme, Financial Advisors of Ameriprise Financial. In attendance were Helmut and Liane Egger, George and Resi Olsavsky, Michelle Egger, and Lisa Helmlé. Our group of fast-food connoisseurs was more than a little bit out of our league. The Birmingham Country Club wouldn't know what hit them!

During the evening, our group sampled seven different wines, each served with an appropriate delicacy. The first wine was served with thin potato crisps with a blue cheese drizzle. Or, as George and Helmut called them, "potato chips." The second wine was presented with a petite mixed green salad, to which George exclaimed, "Are these weeds we're eating?" Keep in mind, the wines were each paired with a specific food – perhaps George would have found his weeds a little tastier had he just tried a sip of wine, instead of his beer! Regardless, this was only the second course and the evening had just begun.

As the night progressed, so did our consumption of fine wine. As our wine consumption progressed, our food comments digressed. By the time dessert rolled around, dessert was rolling off the plate, and the plates were rolling on to the floor.

The moral of the story is this: Frank Bologna and Steve DuCharme are good guys to have on your side. They help their clients define their financial objectives, provide them with solid financial advice, and certainly entertain them well!

Submitted by Michelle Egger

