

**Extension Notes**      **Holiday Glass Cleaning Tips**

It is the holidays, and many get-togethers will include wine. Wine, like many other foods, is always better when it is enjoyed in a nice serving piece. If there was any time to pull out the good stuff and use it, it is now. Why have it in the cabinet if you are not going to use it? So pull it out, share it, use it! Then clean it.

Here are a few tips that will make sure you get the best flavor from your wine and keep your wine glasses sparkling clean. • Yes, you can put most wine glasses in the dishwasher. Be sure to use a delicate wash cycle, skip the heated drying cycle and space glasses so they will not hit each other and possibly chip or break.

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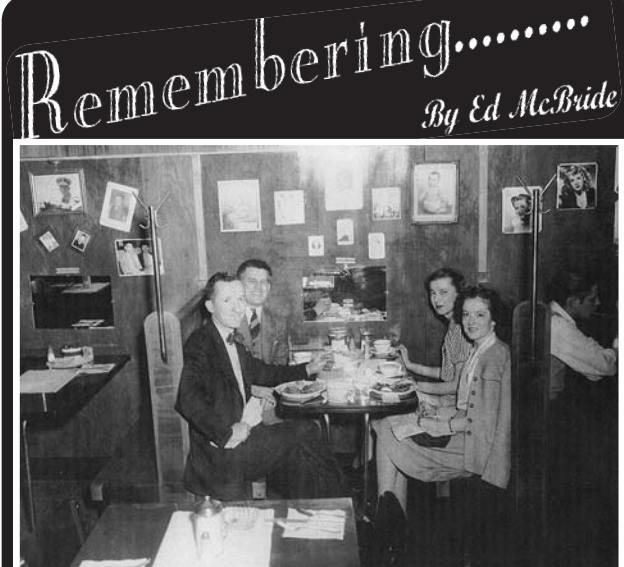
• The best long-term results, though, come from washing special glassware by hand. Nancy Bock, Senior Vice President, Education for the American Cleaning Institute says, "The safest cleaning method for your wine glasses is to clean them by hand."

Follow these tips to avoid chips and spots: Make sure your sink is clean. It is best to clean the glasses before you tackle the greasy dinner plates or pots and pans. Lay a towel in the sink before filling with hot water. Wash one wine glass at a time to avoid damage. To keep soap from flavoring your next glass of wine, use a small amount of detergent and use it only where it is needed, in the bottom of the glass and around the rim. Cradle the bowl of the glass in one hand while washing to protect the stem. To clean the inside of a glass, use a stemware brush with soft-foam bristles. Rinse thoroughly with hot water. While your glasses are still hot from the rinse, put them upside down and let them air dry or dry the wine glasses with a smooth lint-free cloth, such as a microfiber or flour sack towel.

Of special note, red wine can leave stains if left overnight. As you clear the food after your party, quickly rinse any glasses. The final clean can wait until the morning.

Also, crystal glasses may develop a white or grey film. To remove it, just soak them in a weak vinegar and water solution for an hour or two. The vinegar (acetic acid) eats away the organic (wine) build up. After a while you will have sparkling clean glasses again. Remember, crystal is much more porous than typical glass and is more likely to absorb odors from its surroundings. It is best not to store them near your coffee, spice rack or cleaning supplies.

So this year, when you share your favorite glass of wine with friends, celebrate the holidays in style! *By Janine B. Rywak, County Extension Director*



**National Hotel / Coffee Shop**

Some time ago I shared some of the memories of the National Hotel Coffee Shop. There were so many stories, I thought you might enjoy another one or two!

Many of the young girls got their first job at the Coffee Shop. Some of them were Elaine Luther, Dot Lett and Loretta Driggers...and many more who worked there and remember.

The picture above is of the seated in the booth are P. D. Stephenson and his wife Lucy, and W. B. (Bill) Terrell and his wife Evelyn.

The Stephensons came to Wadesboro in 1931, where he served as manager of the Roses 5&10 Store across the street from the hotel. He and Mrs. Stephenson were newlyweds!

Bill Terrell was principal and teacher at Wadesboro High

School from 1943-45, and was also coach of the girls basketball team. In 1945-48 he was Superintendent of WHS, leaving in 1948 to be school Superintendent for Warren County Schools.

While Bill was in Wadesboro Ruth Waddell (Hickman) was his secretary, and at times visited the Terrells and the Stephensons.

You will note all the pictures on the Coffee Shop walls - that was a "trademark" of Vic Davis - he loved publicity!

Johnny Livingston remembers, as a young man fresh out of McFarlan, staying at the hotel while working "in town." Many traveling salesmen, and many local folks - Bruce Wall, Burgess Medley, Deacon Rivers - stayed at the hotel while Vic and Mattie Davis were there.

Thanks Dwight and others for your comments.

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**7th Annual Barn Blast Fundraiser is Fast Approaching**

The Anson County Partnership for Children will host its 7th annual Barn Blast fundraising event, presented by Anson Bank and Trust and Poisson Law, on Friday, January 25, from 6 to 11 p.m. at SPCC's Lockhart-Taylor Center in Wadesboro. Each year the western-themed event features dinner, an open bar of beer and wine, music, silent and live auctions, and lots of dancing and fun.

New to the Barn Blast this year is the Champions for Children Reception that will honor local Champions for Children finalists: HOLLA!, Gail Litaker, Charles Riddle and Vancine Sturdivant. Sponsored by Union County Community Action, Inc., the reception will be held in the Olde Mill Gallery at SPCC prior to the Barn Blast, from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Tickets for the reception are \$100 per person, and include wine, appetizers, live music and early entrance into the Barn Blast fundraising event.

The Partnership encourages those who wish to attend to purchase tickets early. Tickets to the Barn Blast are available for \$40 now and will increase to \$50 after January 11th. Reserved tables for eight can also be purchased for \$350. Sponsorships are still available to businesses, organizations and individuals beginning at \$100. For more information about sponsorships, auction items, donations, or tickets please call 704-694-4036, or visit [www.ansonchildren.org](http://www.ansonchildren.org).

Proceeds from the 2013 Barn Blast will be used to support the work of the Anson County Partnership for Children, including the following children's literacy activities: Dolly Parton's Imagination Library, Motherhead, Raising a Reader Book Bag Program, Reach Out and Read and local book distributions.

The Anson County Partnership for Children is a non-profit public/private organization which was formed in 1996 in response to the North Carolina Smart Start initiative. The Partnership is responsible for developing collaborative strategies to meet the unique needs of children and families in Anson County focusing on Child Care Quality, Accessibility and Affordability, Child Health, Literacy and Family Support Programs. For more information, contact Ashley Haynes at 704-694-4036.

**Thanksgiving Basket Celebration at BRLC**

In a release from the BRLC: The Burnsville Recreation and Learning Center hosted their Annual Thanksgiving Basket

Celebration. This is a special time when sponsors provide food-filled baskets to families who need a little help this time of the year. The gathering was November 20th at the BRLC.

Dinner was catered and served at the event. The food for the meal was donated by volunteers, BRLC and the Second Harvest Food Bank. Volunteers Mary Hammond, Brenda Benton and Lucy Smith, along with helper, Jeremy Sikes all worked together to provide a delicious meal as well as clean up the kitchen afterwards. The Thanksgiving dinner included turkey, dressing, green beans, cranberry sauce, mashed potatoes and gravy, dinner rolls, yams, dessert and beverage. More than 80 meals were served.

The Thanksgiving Gathering Celebration was hosted by volunteers Mary Thomas and Barbara Coble. Mary welcomed all the guests, and Barbara shared the purpose for the Thanksgiving Celebration and talked about the history of the BRLC. Pastor Dennis Stegall of Rocky River Baptist Church was the invited guest speaker. He spoke on being thankful and how, through the act of Jesus the Christ many years ago, we have each been given a reason to be thankful all year long.

Vocal selections were given by five year old Chelsea Thomas of Burnsville, the seven year old Powe triplets (who are the grandchildren of Carolyn Richardson, formerly Kids Café coordinator and teacher for the BRLC) and 12 year old Cruge Carpenter of Harmony Community Church.

Volunteer Delma Ingram of Ansonville and Minister Mary Burns of Peachland performed selections also. Harmony Community Church, Rocky River Baptist and BRLC work together in this effort and provided assistance to 20 local families. Pastor Rocky Carpenter closed the event with a warm closing that continues to stay with us.

In this new year we ask that each of you keep this worthwhile organization in your mind and remember that all donation are tax exempt. We only operate on your kind and generous donation. Please make a liberal donation in support of this local outreach ministry. This county continues to be blessed as BRLC and others help those in need.

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