

# Area Civic Organizations Plan Valentine's Day Wine-Tasting Event

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ALTON - Alton Community Service League (ACSL) and the Loyal Order of Moose have a coveted Valentine's Day Wine-Tasting event including Olive Oil Marketplace oils and balsamics planned from 3 to 5 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 10, 2024, at the Wood River Moose #1349, 730 Wesley Drive in Wood River.

Tickets are \$20 and can be obtained by contacting Cathy Droste at (618) 971-9191 or Cora Miller at (618) 444-7011. Tickets WILL also be available at the door.

Wine selections will be top-notch and handled by Republic National Distribution Company of Illinois. There will be a raffle of a Valentine's Day gift basket, a raffle of a Valentine's Cart for kids filled with children's books, stuffed animals, and more, and a 50-50 drawing included in the night's activities.

Proceeds from the event will benefit Alton/Godfrey area charities through the ACSL grant program. ACSL donates 40 percent of funds raised to beautification and landscaping projects in the area and 60 percent to projects that benefit the community in many ways, including food banks and warming centers.

ACSL volunteers work in civic, cultural, education, health, youth and beautification arenas, said Diane Foster, the public relations chair for ACSL.

Foster and Miller noted that the ACSL is always looking for new members interested in volunteering in the community.

Meetings for the organization are the second Monday of every month. Members can choose where to volunteer. For those with interested in volunteering, contact Foster at (618) 61-5985. The Alton Community Service League has been in existence for 68 years and has been wrapping Christmas gifts at Alton Square Mall for 45 of those years.