

SACRAMENTO HOME WINEMAKERS

THE GRAPEVINE

NEWSLETTER -- NOVEMBER 2018



NOVEMBER 14 PROGRAM

Ports, Sweets, Desserts, Sparklers Evaluations

Join your fellow Home Winemakers on Wednesday November 14th at 7pm for our Monthly Program at the Turn Verein located at 3349 J Street in Sacramento. There is additional parking in the back.

This month's meeting will be devoted to the evaluations of members' 2017 Port, Sweet, Dessert and Sparkling Wines. If you haven't yet prepared your bottles please do so without sulfates. Clearly mark your bottles with varietal and your name. Please bring (2) 750 ml or whatever your bottle size is. Check your wines in with Cellar Master Joe Morgan before the meeting starts and be prepared to give a brief summary of your winemaking journey with this wine. To help with your winemaking summary go to the SacHomeWine.com website and on the home page you will find a link to the Wine Evaluation form.

Your wine will be poured for all members in attendance and presented to our guest

evaluators for the evening, Luke Laubaugh and Vern Vierra Winemakers at St. Jorge.

This is your opportunity to learn about how you can improve (or "fix" in the case of a faulted wine) prior to bottling.

Your help in setting up and cleaning up at meetings is always appreciated.

Our December program is also on the second Wednesday of the month. We will be having our Holiday Party; including dinner, silent auction and raffle. Cut-off date is December 5, 2018.

Contact Vice President Terry Piazza-Perham if you have program questions: piazza-perham@att.net or 916 806-1621

Please consume responsibly and don't forget to bring your wine glasses.

-- ***Vice President Terry Piazza-Perham***

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Well, another Harvest Dinner in the books! The club members that ventured out to Club Pheasant for a pasta buffet, hor d'oeuvres and wine found an intimate evening of common interest with like-minded winemakers. What a great evening! Thank you to those that braved

the elements, (clear, dry roads-a bit of traffic...LOL), and brought your wine and enthusiastic attitudes to the dinner. Much fun was had by all. Terry Piazza-Perham did a great job in coordinating a delicious meal with Club Pheasant staff and once more we shared

food and wine to celebrate a great harvest. Thank you, Terry! Did I tell you, THIS CLUB ROCKS!

The November meeting is for elections and a wine evaluation for sweets, sparkling and fruit wines. If your going to bring a wine for the evaluation, be sure to complete the evaluation form on line or be prepared to complete one when you check your wine in. It looks to be another fun evening so bring your wine glasses and enjoy! And drink responsibly. Remember the meeting is on the second Wednesday in November (the 14th).

Also plan on attending the Holiday Dinner in December, also the second Wednesday. If you haven't been to one of the Club's December dinner parties, you're missing out. It's also the main fundraiser for the club so you get a chance to scoop up some great deals on things like lodging, authentic Italian dinners, wine bottling parties with benefits (food) and other great items. You can score cool stuff from the raffles as well. Maybe you have an unopened, spare carboy around or other piece of equipment that you might like to donate-talk to Vickie Rosalli, Melody Palmero or Fayne Boyd. As we near the end of 2018 I find it hard to believe how quickly these months have gone by. A lot of things happened during the year and seeing the Club remain healthy and vibrant is rewarding. Lynne and I are in our seventh year now as club members and I feel so fortunate and lucky to be around the caliber of individuals who make up SHW. Those of you who joined SHW this year and made your first batch of wine, we hope you found the guidance and education available

and hopefully your first wines are a success. I recall our first wines were just that, wines. Now we're approaching the more desired skill-level of where we're making wines we want and intend to make, and having them turn out the way we want them to. (Notice I said we're "approaching" that skill level) Wine making skills are acquired, I believe, and often the first wines don't go according to plan. Not to say that some winemakers do succeed with a gold medal wine their first try because some do, and you'll find them in our club membership. Proving that if you pay attention to what you're doing, practice techniques you learn through SHW, you can turn out great wine without having spent 25 years perfecting your craft. So, stick with it, renew your membership next year, participate in club activities, talk with other winemakers and you too can be an award-winning winemaker!

Finally, I want to thank those that have given their time to the Club this year. There has been so much that's gone on from Winemaking 101 to the Harvest Dinner. We've had the State Fair; the Jubilee and group buys for grapes. There're members who coordinate equipment rentals and have done repairs. The volunteers who pour at general meetings and the folks that help with hospitality and the room set up, putting out snacks, water pitchers, dump buckets, chairs and tables. You've all done so much to make this a fun Club to be a member. It's what helps to fuel my passion for winemaking. Hope to see you at the November meeting and have a Happy Thanksgiving!



-- President Joe McGillivray

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THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS AND SUPPORTERS!

SHW extends appreciation to members volunteering to support SHW outside our monthly meetings:

- **Judy Pinegar** for hosting November's executive board meeting.
- **Larry Zinky** for his quickly assembled and well-received presentation on home brewing at Sac Yard Brewing as part of the *A Cook's Tour of Sacramento* via the Renaissance Society/CSU Sacramento. The program was in a bind and looked to SHW for resources within the Club's ranks.
- **Thad and Heather Rodgers and Bill Staehlin and Gin Yang** for donating wines to UC Davis' students clubs, DEVO and Vitus, for a "Joes vs. Pros" tasting with students, faculty advisors, and donors.
- Generous members who donated their special bottles, especially **Blair Gould** and **Thad and Heather Rodgers** who shared multiple bottles. Other donors included **David Hicks, Paul and Nancy Baldwin, Don and Gayle Koehler, JD and Erin Phelps, Judy Pinegar, Mike and Maryann Skeels and Seth Brunner and Linda Clevenger**. Much appreciation to **Mike Skeels** who volunteered to coordinate the club's presence at the event this year, and to event pourers **Pauline and Peter Buck and Heather and Thad Rodgers**.



2019 EXECUTIVE BOARD – SLATE OF NOMINEES

Sacramento Home Winemakers, Inc. by-laws, Article IV, Section 2 states: "Election of Officers
Election of officers by a simple majority vote of those members voting at a regularly scheduled and advertised meeting shall be held in November of each year. Members unable to attend the meeting may vote by presenting their vote to the Secretary prior to the annual meeting."

The Board of Directors presents the following slate of nominees for the positions of president, vice-president, secretary, membership chair and up to five members at large. Please note that the treasurer's position serves a 2-year term and the current treasurer's term expires at the end of 2019.

President: Joe McGillivray

Vice President: Terry Piazza-Perham

Secretary: Mike Menard

Membership Chair: Gin Yang / Christa Ring (running as co-chairs)

Members at Large: Jerry Roark, Thad Rodgers, Robert Wharton

Nominations will also be taken from the floor before the election at the November 14 meeting. If you cannot vote at the meeting, please submit your vote to SHW Secretary Bruce Currie at blcurrie56@hotmail.com prior to the November 14 meeting.

Please direct questions to the Board of Directors: Fred Millar at fredmillar1@gmail.com and 916 576-9596 or Gary Young at gycats@earthlink.net and 916 451-3893.

EVALUATION MEETING PROTOCOL

We haven't had an evaluation meeting in a few months - below are a few guidelines for a successful meeting. President Joe McGillivray will be the meeting's Evaluation Moderator.

Winemakers with wines for evaluation

- Winemakers are encouraged to bring two completed copies of the evaluation form to the meeting with your wine(s). If you haven't don't so, blank forms will be available from Cellar Master Joe Morgan.
- Wine makers will be encouraged to speak into the microphone so they'll be amplified enough for members in the back of the room to hear the evaluation.
- Winemakers will recognize that time is limited and that every effort will be made to ensure a fair evaluation, therefore present your wine effectively.
- Depending on the number of wines evaluated, there may be a need for time limits.

Members in attendance

- Place your glass where it's easy for the Wine Angel to reach.
- Place your chairs so the wine angels can easily navigate your table.
- Please limit side conversation and disruption; if you must talk, consider stepping out in the hall.
- Be considerate of the presenting winemaker and evaluators.
- Help where you see it's needed - volunteer.
- Have an educational and fun experience.



Calling all Gold Medal Winners!!



Applications now being accepted for the 2018 Rex Johnston Winemaker of the Year Award (Deadline: November 30, 2018)

The Board of Directors of the Sacramento Home Winemakers recently voted to rename this coveted award as the "Rex Johnston Winemaker of the Year Award" in recognition of his legacy of excellence in home winemaking.

Each year, the SHW Board of Directors invites all members of SHW to compete for this award. Points based on showings in recognized home wine competitions are earned throughout the 2018 home winemaking year. Applicants must have submitted a minimum of two separate and distinct home wines in the SHW Jubilee, the California State Fair, and one other recognized home wine competition.

Please go to www.sachomewine.org and click on the side column link "Rex Johnston Winemaker of the Year Award". There you will find the entry criteria and entry form. Forms must be submitted to Chief Judge, Donna Bettencourt by November 30th midnight at: donnab1045@gmail.com, or mailed to Donna at 5208 8th Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95820 by November 30th. Contact Donna if you have any questions.

All applicants and the winner will be announced at the SHW Holiday Party on December 12, 2018.

Don't miss out on your chance for bragging rights for a whole year!

WM-201 IS COMING SOON

The SHW Education Committee is going offer WM-201 again on Saturday, January 26, 2019. So save the date.

The topics will be “Panel 1: The Harvest and Initial Adjustments” and “Panel 2: Cellar Operations and Ageing”. Two panels of experts have been lined up.

You should have completed at least 3 harvests to be eligible for this class. Look for an opportunity to sign up soon for only \$10. per person. The class is limited to the first 25 (current SHW members only).

SHW HOLIDAY PARTY – DECEMBER 12 (2nd WEDNESDAY)

Hey! The party reindeer are looking for volunteers to help with the planning and execution of SHW’s annual holiday party. Part food, part fundraising, part annual awards (including the coveted Winemaker of the Year award [see deets in this issue and on-line]), and all wine – the party reindeer need your help in the evening’s festivities.

Holiday Dinner

Make your dinner reservations using the form on the next page in this newsletter. Caterer Calyn McKnight has been booked for dinner and she roasts the best prime rib!

We would like your special touches on, table-top décor, music (entertainment?), set-up, and program. Text Fred Millar at 916 576-9596 or Gin Yang at 915 217 0294 to talk further!



Silent Auction and Raffle

Melody Palmero, contact person for auction and raffle items, would like donations brought to the November 14 meeting (remember that’s the 2nd Wednesday in November). Please let her know whether you are okay with grouping your donated items to make themed baskets or groupings. Melody can be contacted at palmerofamilyvineyards@gmail.com and 916 601-3986.

2019 SHW MEMBERSHIP

The Executive Board announces that the 2019 annual membership dues remain at \$50 per household as it has been in the past several years. The 2019 membership form will be available on the SHW website soon. Sachomewine.com.



Sacramento Home Winemakers Annual Holiday Dinner and Party

Turn Verein Ballroom (upstairs)
3349 J Street – Sacramento

December 12, 2018 – (2nd Wednesday in December)

6 PM – 6:30 PM Social ~ 6:30 PM Buffet Dinner

Smoked salmon, stuffed mushrooms, artichoke & bread dip, chicken wings
Calyn McKnight's roasted prime rib, baked chicken, salad bar, potatoes, veggies
dinner rolls, dessert, coffee, punch & tea
Non-meat entrée – vegetable lasagne (request below)

Bring wines for sharing
Annual SHW awards
Silent Auction and Raffle Fundraiser

\$50 per person for members ~ ~ \$55 per person for non-members
(includes sales tax and gratuity)

Seating is limited. Please reserve by December 5. No refunds after December 7.

Dinner Coordinator: Fred Millar, 916 576-9596

Fundraising donations and bids: Melody Palmero, palmerofamilyvineyards@gmail.com & 916 601-3986

===== Cut here and mail or bring to November 14 meeting =====

Here's my reservation for the **December 12, 2018 SHW Holiday Party**

Names Attending _____

Phone # _____

Number of members attending _____ x \$50 per person = \$_____

Number of non-members attending _____ x \$55 per person = \$_____

(Vegetarian option – how many? _____)

Reserve by December 5 Please mail form with check ("SHW") to:
VP Terry Piazza-Perham ~ 600 Blackwood Street ~ Sacramento CA 95815

SHW EVENTS CALENDAR

- Executive Board Meetings –7:00 PM start; contact Prez Joe McGillivray for location; pyramidlake59@gmail.com.
- General Meetings –7:00 PM start; upstairs at 3349 J Street, Sacramento (unless noted)
- More calendar and details - www.sachomewine.com; see Events Calendar and Newsletters.

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| General Meeting | Nov. 14, 7 PM Wednesday | Annual Meeting + Desserts, Fortifieds, Sparklers, Fruits Wine Evaluations Guest Evaluators: Vern Vierra and Luke Laubaugh, St. Jorge Winery |
| Holiday Party | Dec 12, evening Wednesday | SHW Annual Holiday Party and Fundraiser Details to follow |
| <div style="border: 1px solid orange; padding: 5px;"> Please note: November’s meeting and December’s Holiday Party are on the 2nd Wednesday of the month. </div> | | |
| General Meeting | Jan 16, 7 PM Wednesday | Austrian Wines Guest Speaker: Scott Harvey |
| Winemaking 201 | Jan 26, 10 – 2 Saturday | Workshop for Intermediate Winemakers (see preview in this newsletter) Two Rivers Cider (Sacramento) |

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