

November 2014

# The Grapevine

Newsletter for The Sacramento Home Winemakers

SHW Monthly meetings are held on the third Wednesday of the month starting at 7pm, upstairs at the Turn Verein located at 3349 J Street in Midtown, Sacramento.

For more information on SHW membership, meetings and activities, visit:

www.  
sachomewine.org

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## **This Month: Barbara Bentley**

Our November meeting marks the return of our illustrious author and inspirational speaker in residence: Barbara Bentley! Please join us as Barbara takes us to South Africa with a travelogue that is sure to entertain and amaze. She will be augmenting her presentation with tastes of wines common to that region, so bring those wine glasses!

In addition, November marks the election of the 2015 SHW officers.

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**SHW 2014**  
Elected Officers

President:

**Donna  
Bettencourt**

Vice Presidents:

**Sonia Baron  
JD Phelps**

Secretaries:

**Joe and Lynn  
Mc Gillivray**

**Message from the President**

By Donna Bettencourt

As Thanksgiving approaches, it is time to give thanks to the many members that make our winemaking club strong and true to its mission.

**YOU KNOW WHO YOU ARE -**

- \* You accept offers to sample another members' wine and you give your opinion; after all, we just learned at last month's meeting that everybody's sensory impressions are different.
- \* You clean up after yourself at monthly meetings.
- \* You respond to requests for help from the Executive Board for meeting space, donations for the Silent Auction, a venue for the leadership retreat, etc.
- \* You bail fellow members out when they have run out of their last SO2 or tartaric acid.
- \* You accept elected and appointed positions with the Executive Board.
- \* You exchange wine with your fellow members for blending purposes.
- \* You offer to lead a wine tour in beautiful Lake County.
- \* You offer up your knowledge and skill to lead a monthly program.
- \* You hand out name badges before the monthly meetings.
- \* You submit an awesome article for our website on adding a motor to a manual crusher.
- \* You offer up your barn for our Jubilee picnic
- \* You pass on ideas to the Leadership and lead us to reflect on our actions

And finally, you make awesome wine at home and you help others to do the same!

**THANK YOU!**

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## SHW Logo Hats Now Available

Just arrived are new hats with the SHW logo on the front. They will be available for sale at the November general meeting on November 19. These hats are available in 2 colors: khaki and maroon/burgundy. These hats are one-size-fits-all with a Velcro adjustment. These are very high quality hats and a real bargain at only \$20 each. They will be available at the same table as the shirts.



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(916) 454-5487  
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Each item is subject to a  
nominal upkeep fee per  
use:

Destemmer/Crusher: 10\$  
Basket Press: 10\$  
Corker: 5\$  
Filter: 5\$

## SHW BOARD OF DIRECTORS;

Mikc Touchette—Past  
President

Fred Milar—Past President

Lynn Keay—Past President

Gary Young—Past President

### **Presenting the Slate of Nominees**

2015 SHW Officers November's general meeting, also the Club's annual meeting, includes the election of the following year's officers. The SHW Board of Directors, comprised of the past four and current Club presidents, has the responsibility of presenting nominees to the membership for the ensuing year's elected officers and accepting nominations for the same positions from the floor. Officers are elected by simple majority of these voting at the November meeting; one vote per household (SHW By-laws Article IV, Section 2; by-laws are on-line at [www.sachomewine.com](http://www.sachomewine.com)).

#### **The 2015 nominees are as follows:**

**President - J.D. Phelps**

**Vice President - Bruce Currie**

**Treasurer - Steve Barrett/Mary Breedlove**

**Secretary - Joe McGillivray/Lynne McGillivray**

**Membership Chair - Fred Millar/Gin Yang**

If you are unable to attend the annual meeting on November 19 and wish to cast your vote, you may do so by contacting SHW Co-Secretaries Joe and Lynne McGillivray prior to the meeting. They can be contacted at 916 721-7750 and [bearpaw7@surewest.net](mailto:bearpaw7@surewest.net) or [lynmcgill@surewest.net](mailto:lynmcgill@surewest.net). -- Fred Millar, Chair, SHW Board of Directors

### **2014 SHW Winemaker of the Year Competition**

The purpose of SHW's annual recognition of the Winemaker of the Year is to encourage excellence in wine making among all Club members and to recognize those members who, by virtue of their performance in recognized home wine competitions, have produced outstanding wine.

Those who enter this competition must have submitted wines in 2014 in the SHW Jubilee, the California State Fair Home Wine competition, and at least one other recognized home wine competition.

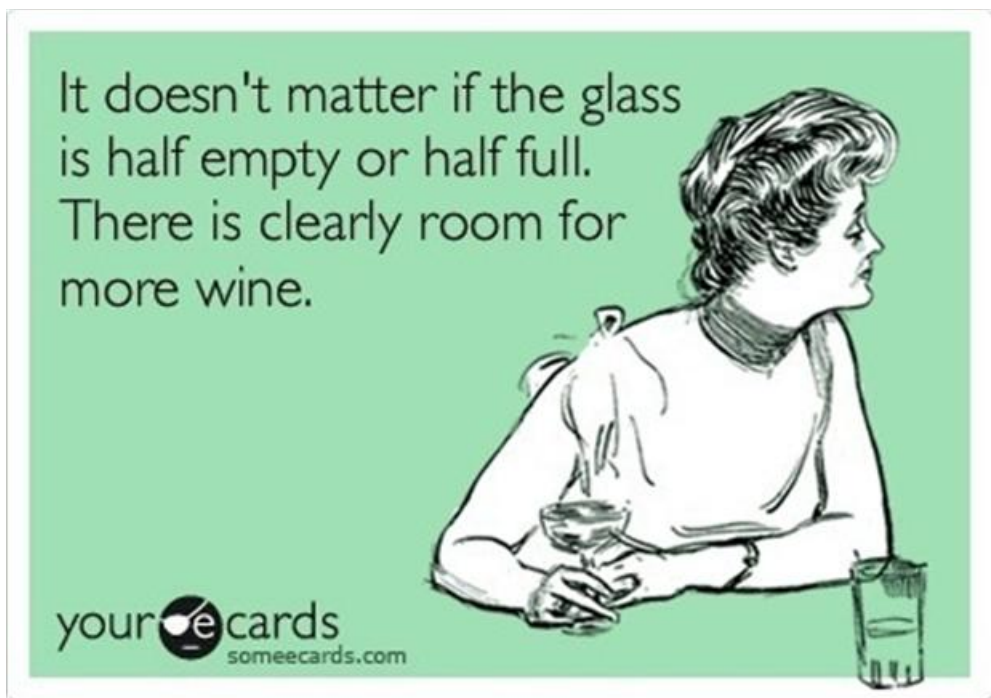
The criteria and the application forms can be found on the SHW website, [www.sachomewine.org](http://www.sachomewine.org). All applications must be received by Chief Judge, Donna Bettencourt by November 30, 2014, and can be e-mailed to [bettencourt1045@softcom.net](mailto:bettencourt1045@softcom.net) or mailed to 5208 8th Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95820.

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**COMING JANUARY 2015**

**SACRAMENTO HOME WINEMAKERS IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE  
THE RETURN OF DARRELL CORTI.**

**LONG-TIME MEMBER AND MENTOR, MR. CORTI WILL BE  
ENTERTAINING AND INFORMING OUR GROUP ON A VARIETY OF  
WINE-RELATED TOPICS. THIS IS A DEFINITE MUST-ATTEND!**



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# *Sacramento Home Winemakers*

## *Annual Holiday Dinner & Party*

*Embassy Suites Sacramento - Riverfront  
Promenade  
(free valet parking at hotel garage)*

*Sunday, December 14, 2014  
Social Hour 4:00 PM  
Dinner 5:00 PM*



*Please bring wine for your table or wine to share with  
other Club Members!!*

### *Appetizers ~ Served during Social Hour*

*Swedish Meatballs, Stuffed Mushrooms, International Cheese  
Selection*

### *Plated Dinner*

*Winter Medley Salad of Baby Spinach Greens with Candied Pecans,  
Goat Cheese & Raspberry Vinaigrette with your choice of One (1):  
Grilled Flank Steak with Roasted Shallot & Wild Mushroom Demi-  
Glace, Burnt Citrus Glazed Salmon & Baby Bok Choy or Citrus  
Grilled Chicken, Grapefruit Beurre Blanc & Herb Roasted Potatoes.  
Chef's selection of Vegetables, Assorted Freshly Baked Rolls*

### *Dessert*

*Puff Pastry with assorted fresh berries & Vanilla Bean Sauce  
Served with Starbucks Coffee, Tazo Tea*

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**\$50.00 per person for Members**  
**\$55.00 per person for Non-Members**  
**(Inclusive of tax and gratuity)**

**Reservation and Payment must be post-marked/received by  
Friday, December 5<sup>th</sup> and is non-refundable. No  
Reservation/Payment will be accepted after that date.**



**Silent Auction Raffle**

**Gift Items Donated by Club Members and Friends of SHW. Please contact  
Judy Pinegar, judypinegar@gmail.com or Sonia Baron,  
soniabaron@hotmail.com**

**Discounted Room Rate**

**For SHW Members and Guests whom would like to reserve a suite room  
at the Embassy Suites for a discounted rate of \$129 + taxes,  
complimentary overnight valet and  
cook-to-order breakfast for two at the Atrium Marketplace, visit  
[www.sacramento.embassysuites.com](http://www.sacramento.embassysuites.com) or call (916)326-5000, and make  
your reservation by November 23<sup>rd</sup>, under rate type discount and enter  
the special group code: SHW**





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**2014 Annual Holiday Dinner & Party ~ \$50 for Members, \$55 for Non-Members**



**Payment is non-refundable and must be received by Friday, December 5, 2014**

**Please CIRCLE choice of: Flank Steak (FS); Salmon (S) or Chicken (C).**

Club Member(s) First/Last Name(s)

\_\_\_\_\_ (FS / S / C)

\_\_\_\_\_ (FS / S / C)

Non-Member(s) First/Last Name (s)

\_\_\_\_\_ (FS / S / C)

\_\_\_\_\_ (FS / S / C)

Number of Members for Holiday Dinner \_\_\_\_\_ x \$50 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Non-Members for Holiday Dinner \_\_\_\_\_ x \$55 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total Amount: \_\_\_\_\_ \$

Make check payable to: Sacramento Home Winemakers

And Mail Form/Check to: Steve Barrett – SHW Treasurer  
PO Box 623  
Roseville, CA 95678

Questions? ~ Please contact Debra Moretton, Party Coordinator  
at 916-296-1115 or [dem1019@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dem1019@sbcglobal.net)