

# **North Wake Chapter - American Wine Society**

## **Jan. 7, 2024 - Chapter Planning Meeting for 2024**

### **ATTENDEES (18):**

Jay (Co-Chair) & Margaret Davis	Linda & Jim Kropp
Sally Albrecht – Co-Chair	Greg & Mary Hedrick
Randy (Treas.) & Becky Screen	Andrea Jannarone
Jay Althouse - Public Relations Officer	Franco Madina & Roxanne Hunt
Fran (Secretary) & Susi Torigian	Deidre & Ray Schipani
Lorie Rosenberg - Webmaster	

The meeting was held at the Heritage Clubhouse and was called to order at 3:04pm. A special thank you was given to our previous co-chair, Greg Hedrick, for his years of excellent service and expertise. Fran Torigian volunteered to be our new chapter Secretary.

### **TREASURY REPORT**

Randy Screen reported that we had another successful year.

End-of-year Balance = \$2,401.80

NOTE: Venmo takes a bit off the top = \$154.62 this past year. But it works out well for most members to pay in this manner.

### **MEMBERSHIP REPORT**

We currently have 78 members.

Our meetings currently welcome up to 48 attendees (3 bottles/16 pours per bottle).

There are an additional 28 dual members w/the Triangle chapter.

We added 14 members in 2023, but lost 6 members, primarily due to relocation.

### **2023 in REVIEW**

It was noted that our emphasis on education was a positive attribute to this chapter.

- Sally will create an outline/timing sheet for presenters, which should be helpful.
- If we invite outside vendors, it should be noted that we should support these presenters with purchases if at all possible. An order sheet is recommended.
- We will aim for our events to be held from 4:00-5:30, with social time to visit and finish up remaining wines from 5:30-6:00.

### **REVIEW/ATTENDANCE OF 2023 MONTHLY TASTINGS/MEETINGS**

JANUARY 22 - Greg Hedrick: Wine Spectator Magazine Value Wines	37
FEBRUARY 26 - Randy Screen: Cabernets of California (5 regions)	40
MARCH 26 - Sally & Jay: Battle of the Valleys (Dry Creek, Russian River, Alexander)	39
APRIL 23 - Michele Shere: Chablis/Chardonnays of Australia and New Zealand	38
MAY 21 - Brandon Kubrock: Dossier Wines (Walla Walla, WA)	44
JUNE 25 - Fran Torigian: Wines of Croatia	40
JULY 23 - National Tasting Project #1 (wines of Southern Rhone)	37
AUGUST 27 - National Tasting Project #2 w/Brenda Weeks & Sheryl McDavid	40
SEPTEMBER 24 - Pizza at Lynch Creek Farm, BYOB + Jay Davis: what color grape?	34

OCTOBER 22 - Mike Rowe: Old World White Wines	23
NOVEMBER 19 - Dr. Mark Hoffman: NC State Researcher/Wines of NC	20
DECEMBER 2 - Holiday Gathering at Northside Bistro & Cocktails, 11:00am	40

## WEBSITE

We have a wonderful website put together for us by Lorie Rosenberg. Sadly, to date only 18 of our members have signed in on this site.

- Lorie will delete the CAPTCHA requirement.
- Lorie will be available to help members with signing up at future meetings.
- Lorie will send a reminder email from our website.
- If you would like your photo to be included on our website, we will be taking photos the next few meetings.

## NATIONAL TASTING PROJECT

12 wines from CA (6 Chardonnay/6 Pinot Noir) will be featured in June and August.

## NATIONAL CONFERENCE

This year, the national conference will be held at the convention center in Winston-Salem, NC. The Embassy Suites and the Marriott are the convention hotels. Check in is on Friday, Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>. Sessions are Nov. 2-3. So far, 10 of our members have signed up to attend the planning meeting on Jan. 29<sup>th</sup>. AWS National is looking for volunteers to help at the convention. Please let Jay Davis or Sally Albrecht know if you are interested.

## CHARITY COMMITTEE – NEW!

A charity committee was formed, with Fran Torigian and Jay Althouse as chairs. Roxanne, Becky, Mary, and Margaret volunteered to fill out the group.

- We are looking to raise funds for the AWS educational fund, which gives out AWS scholarships for students pursuing study in viticulture.
- We will investigate raffling off wine, wine bags, etc.

## PLANS/DATES FOR 2024 MEETINGS *(subject to change/availability)*

Jan. 28 – Value Wines	Greg Hedrick
Feb. 25 – Perfect Paso Wines	Sally Albrecht & Jay Althouse
March 24 – Exploring S. American wines	Jay Davis
April 28 – Empire Distributors	Kyle Doss (Randy Screen to confirm)
May 19 – NC Wine Month	(NC State presenter or other)
June 23 – National Tasting Project #1	TBA
July 21 – Querce Bettina Wines (Italy)	Greg Hedrick & Paola Moretti
Aug. 25 – National Tasting Project #2	TBA
Sept. 22 – Pizza at Lynch Creek Farm	Fran Torigian pre-show, BYO wine (36 limit)
Oct. 27 – Celebrity Wines	Sally Albrecht & Jay Alrhouse
Nov. 24 – Wines of Sicily	Linda & Jim Kropp, at their home (36 limit)
Dec. 7 – Holiday Gathering, 11:00	Peggy Wesp to coordinate (40 limit)

Our meeting was adjourned at 4:30pm.