

North Wake Chapter - American Wine Society Jan. 2, 2023 - Chapter Planning Meeting for 2023

ATTENDEES:

Greg Hedrick - Co-Chair
Jay Davis - Co-Chair
Randy Screen – Treasurer
Jay Althouse - Public Relations Officer
Sally Albrecht – Secretary
Jerry & Elizabeth Parker - members

Mary Hedrick – Member
Margaret Davis – Member
Becky Screen – member
Franco Mancino – Member
Fran Torigian - Member

The meeting was held at Sally & Jay's home and was called to order at 4:05pm.

TREASURY REPORT

Randy Screen reported that we had another successful year and are in a stable position.

End-of-year Balance = \$1,867.93

NOTE: we have already paid for 2/3 of the Feb. wines, plus also contributed \$550 to the Ronald McDonald House (NOTE: This included many donations made by attendees).

ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN 2022

- We purchased a sound system.
- We acquired official name tags.
- We successfully sent out PDF files before a meeting (Sally's presentation). This seems preferable over trying to view multiple TV sets, so we will encourage this format in the future.
- We moved to VENMO for payments before each gathering. Checks still accepted.

FACEBOOK SITE

There was a discussion about the possibility of developing a North Wake Chapter webpage or a Facebook Site. Jay and Sally will work to create a members-only site on Facebook, where we can post photos and upcoming events.

NATIONAL TASTING PROJECT

Wines of the Rhône Valley (France) will be featured in this year's National Tasting Project. There are 12 featured wines, so we will spread these out over 2 months of chapter meetings (July/Aug).

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

This year, the national conference will be held in St. Louis, MO, from Nov 9-11th. It will feature 40+ sessions plus wine-paired meals and walk-around tastings.

Visit <https://americanwinesociety.org/conference/> for more information.

MEMBERSHIP

- We once again experienced excellent growth and now have 74 members in our N Wake chapter. We also have 28 Triangle members who have a dual membership.
- We continue to accept new members, as our Heritage location (using both sides) can accommodate up to 70 people per meeting. Members are encouraged to continue inviting guests to join us.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE A PRESENTER?

If you have a particular wine,/winery/area you're passionate about, consider being a presenter at a future meeting.

GENERAL NOTES

- Please renew as soon as possible so that we can receive a complete listing of our chapter members.
- A reminder to our members: Be attentive and courteous. Please refrain from talking when the presenter is speaking.

2023 CALENDAR OF MONTHLY TASTINGS/MEETINGS - Tentative, to be confirmed.

- All meetings begin at 4:00 at Heritage View Club unless noted otherwise.
- Information to be confirmed as tasting notices go out.
- Members should continue to bring their own food to complement the tastings.

JANUARY 22 - Value Wines

- Wine Spectator Magazine, under/around \$25
- Greg Hedrick to present

FEBRUARY 26 – Life Is a Cabernet (Old Chum!)

- Randy Screen to present Cabernets of California (5 regions)

MARCH 26 – Battle of the Valleys (Dry Creek, Russian River, Alexander)

- Sally Albrecht & Jay Althouse to present

APRIL 23 – Chablis/Chardonnays of Australia and New Zealand

- Michele Sherer to present

MAY 21 – Brandon Kubrock of Dossier Wines to present (Walla Walla, WA)

JUNE 25 – Wines of South America (Brazil, Uruguay, Peru)

- Fran Torigian to present

JULY 23 - National Tasting Project #1 (Jay to see if Brenda Weeks will present)

AUGUST 27 - National Tasting Project #2 (Jay to see if Sheryl McDavid will present)

SEPTEMBER 24 - Pizza at Lynch Creek Farm

- BYO wine

- Ben Franklin Society
- Sally & Jay to organize a "blindfold" tasting
- Jay Davis to confirm availability

OCTOBER 22 – Mike Rowe (Randy Screen to contact for availability, focus)

NOVEMBER 19 – NC State Researcher/Wines of NC or Piccione Winery (Randy to contact for availability)

DECEMBER 2 - Holiday Gathering

- Hopefully, once again at Northside Bistro & Cocktails, 11:00am start time
- Confirm Peggy Wesp can work with John at restaurant to confirm date/time
- Greg will help with wine selection if needed

The meeting was adjourned at 5:25pm.