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The Newsletter of the Sierra Wine and Grape Growers

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The Trellis Wire

Welcome to the Sierra Wine and Grape Growers Association

Here in our monthly newsletter, we keep our members up to date on SWGGA activity, and provide links to our [website](#), where you can read more.

Picnic and Barbecue June 10

Come join us for an afternoon of fun, food, wine and music at the home of SWGGA members Gary Glaze and Teri Dougherty.

We're returning to the barbecue and potluck format for this event, and we'll be having musical entertainment, as well as the wine raffle for the Scholarship Fund.

Bring wine to share and a bottle for the raffle.

Guests are welcome, so bring them along.

Please bring a dish according to the first initial of your last name:

A - H : Appetizer

I - N : Salad/Side Dish

O - Z : Dessert

When you RSVP, please indicate the number in your party and your preferences for entrée: Hamburger, Sausage or Chicken

We're asking for a \$15.00 per person donation for the event. To confirm your reservation, please make check payable to SWGGA and send it to: Jim Garrett 21252 Clifford Road Grass Valley, CA 95949. Don't forget to state your preference for entrée: hamburger, sausage, or chicken.

Directions will be provided.

RSVP to : jim@relateddata.com by June 5, 2018

Print out the linked flyer as a reminder, and don't forget to send your check and meal preference!

See you June 10!

[SWGGA Picnic Form](#)

May Meeting

Check out the story and photos on our [website](#).

Recap of Board Meeting

From the President:

This is a recap of the May 24, 2018 Board of Directors meeting:

Everyone concurred that the May general meeting at the Newsomes was a wonderful affair. Many people commented to the directors how much they enjoyed the fine wine, the appetizers, the good company and the lovely setting. Thank you Randy and Blair. Anytime you want to do this again, just let us know.

We have \$5926 in the bank; \$2953 in the scholarship fund and \$2973 in the general fund.

The scholarship committee has made its choice, which will be announced on June 4. This year's scholarship will be in the amount of \$2000. Thank you very much to the scholarship committee chaired by David Blitstein and consisting of Susan Clarabut, Debbie Rickman and Mary Woolwine. We have invited the recipient and her family to attend the picnic as our guests.

The July general meeting will be at the Lucero winery. Details to follow.

We currently have 54 paid memberships. If you are one of those laggards who has not renewed, please do so immediately so you can attend the picnic.

Jim Garrett has taken charge of the picnic arrangements. You should have received a picnic announcement in mid May. If you have not signed up, please do so immediately. Jim will soon be contacting folks who volunteered a few months ago to help with the picnic to discuss assignments.

Tony Mello, who has moved to Yuba City, has resigned as an officer and director. For the moment, the board has decided not to appoint an interim Vice President.

David Blitstein, Peter Willcox and I will serve as the nominating committee to prepare a slate for the 2018 election. If you have an interest in serving on the board, please notify me.

Respectfully submitted,

Bernie Zimmerman

From our archives

Our Communications Coordinator has been scanning and organizing our files. From time to time, I will bring interesting excerpts to your attention.

Our Origins

The earliest minutes in our files are dated March 16, 1978 and simply record a meeting in Auburn of the North Sierra Foothill Wine Grape Growers, at which people spoke about land taxation and vineyard development. No participant names are recorded.

The first organizational meeting was on May 4, 1978. Approximately 40 persons attended. The meeting was called to order by Roger Diefendorf, who then became pro tem president. The group voted to require a member to grow, or plan to grow, wine grapes. Other interested persons, such as wine makers, could become associate members without a vote. A pro tem governing board was elected to serve until October 31, 1978, and a bylaws committee was

appointed.

At the June 1, 1978 meeting, the name was changed to the Sierra Grape Growers Association. That was our name, until October 28, 2010, when the name was changed to Sierra Wine & Grape Growers Association.

Bernie Zimmerman, President

A lovely note from our past scholarship recipient

We all sometimes wonder how our scholarship recipients fared. At the suggestion of Alan and Marita Smith, we decided to ask. This is the reply of last year's recipient, Miranda Townsend.

Hi Mr, Blitstein! This is Miranda Townsend, my mom just forwarded the message you sent.

I am doing awesome and absolutely loving UC Santa Cruz. Your scholarship greatly assisted me in my first year at the university! Thanks to you, I am finishing this year with 75 units completed, 2 environmental science internships under my belt (and hopefully) a third this summer and a bright academic future ahead of me. Thank you so so much for your investment in my education. I appreciate it so much.

Wine in the News

What is wine worth?

Keep this in mind when bidding at our next silent auction. (From the BBC).

A bottle of wine dating back to 1774 has sold at auction in eastern France for a record €103,700 (\$120,800).

The bottle of Vin Jaune (yellow wine) comes from the eastern Jura region and was made using grapes harvested during the reign of King Louis XVI.

At the same auction, another bottle of the same vintage fetched €76,250, and a third was sold for €73,200.

The three 87cl bottles of Vin Jaune were made by the winemaker Anatoile Vercel.

They were in the possession of his descendents in Arbois, the winemaking heart of the Jura region, and are believed to be among the oldest existing wines in the world.

The buyers were Canadians and someone who used to purchase wine for Americans with links to France, AFP news agency quoted auctioneer Brigitte Fenaux, of the Jura Encheres auction house, as saying.

"I didn't think that these bottles would sell for so much. The last record set in 2011 was €57,000," she said.

"There were winemakers in the room who applauded, who were happy, it was moving."

AFP reports that in 1994, a tasting panel of 24 wine experts rated the wine as a 9.4 out of 10.

Bernie Zimmerman

SWGGA Swag available at monthly meetings

Shirts, hats, glasses and aprons are available for order.

The Outreach Coordinator, Dave Blitstein handles sales. Get in touch with Dave if you want to place an order or have questions: dbeffx@aol.com.

To view photos, click [here](#),

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