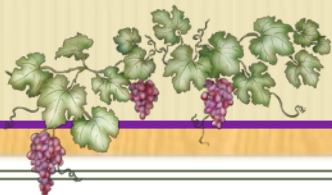


# WISCONSIN VINTNERS ASSOCIATION



February 2019 Newsletter



## Get Ready For This Year's Annual Dinner Dance Fund Raiser!

For all those who sent in their reservations in time, the Annual Dinner Dance will be on Saturday February 2nd at the Radisson West in Milwaukee. Doors open at 4 pm, dinner at 7 pm, and music until 11 pm. Entree choices are chicken piccata, grilled pork chop, glazed salmon, and herb roasted steak.



There will be many games to play with wine as prizes, and silent auctions and raffles as well with other prizes. Also, don't forget to bring a few extra bottles of your homemade wine for the tasting table so that others can taste what you've been up to the past few years.

## Do You have Old Photos From Past WVA Events?

Next year we will be celebrating the WVA's semi-centennial, and we are seeking old WVA-related photographs, starting from the founding of our club in 1970 up to the present. Many of these photographs will be old black & white or color prints, so we will scan them into a digital database that will then be used to chronicle the 50 year history of the club. Some of these photos will be posted on our soon-to-be-redesigned Website and others will be used for articles in *The Vintner's Press*, and perhaps even in a book on the WVA's history.

"I have a photo!"



We need your help for this task! Fellow WVA member Linda Anderson-Courtney will be collecting all relevant photos, both print and digital. If you have photos to share (all prints will be returned to you), contact Linda at [ldac@me.com](mailto:ldac@me.com) or 414-687-1241

## Calendar of Upcoming Events

**Annual Dinner Dance**  
at the Radisson West,  
doors open at 4 pm  
**February 2nd**



**Board Meeting**  
at Linda & Tom Wirtz's  
house 7 pm  
**March 6th**



**Monthly Meeting**  
at Clifford's 7:30 pm  
**March 13th**



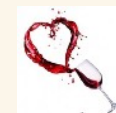
**WVA Membership Wine Judging**  
at Clifford's 9 am - 2 pm  
**March 16th**



**Board Meeting**  
at Steve Franzoi & Cheryl Figg's  
house 7 pm  
**April 3rd**



**Monthly Meeting**  
at Clifford's 7:30 pm  
**April 10th**



"Loan us your photos!"



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Q: Why does this photo of President Jimmy Carter have such significance to the WVA and other amateur winemaking clubs in the country? And how does the WVA stack up today when compared with those other clubs?

A: Read this month's issue of *The Vintner's Press* to find the answers to these two questions.

*The Vintner's Press*

## A Warm Welcome to Our New Member!

Margaret "Peg" Heuer  
of Pewaukee

### Attention!

Very soon the WVA website will have an entirely new look to it. We have been working diligently over the past few months to completely revamp it and we think you will be pleased with the results. Stay tuned!

### Procedure for Viewing and Ordering WVA Club Logo Apparel On-Line from Lands' End

- 1) Go to: <http://business.landsend.com/store/wivintners/>
- 2) View clothing offerings
- 3) Select an item
- 4) Select the size by adding the quantity into the appropriate box
- 5) Click on APPLY LOGO(S)
- 6) Click on WVA logo shown
- 7) Modify logo color if desired by clicking on CHANGE LOGO COLOR(S). Suggest watching the "Change Logo Color(s) tutorial".
- 8) Select the garment location for placement of the logo
- 9) When finished click APPLY LOGO
- 10) Click ADD TO BAG
- 11) Continue shopping or CHECK OUT. The usual forms for purchasing on-line will then come up.



Once you are a customer you'll have the option of signing up for emails informing you of periodic sales and specials, i.e. no charge for a logo or free shipping, etc. Any questions? Contact Mary Scovronski, WVA Club Logo Clothing Chairperson directly at: [gmscove@gmail.com](mailto:gmscove@gmail.com)



Our website contains past issues of *The Vintner's Press* and other important material. The website address is:

[www.wihomewinemakers.com](http://www.wihomewinemakers.com)

Our 2018 WVA membership list is also posted on our website.

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## New Member Roger Brinkmeier: In His Own Words

I've been retired 23 years and I've spent most of that retirement doing volunteer efforts/projects. My parents moved to Hales Corners in 1945 and I'm currently a Village Trustee. My wife Gloria and were married 51 years, and she passed away in February 2015. We lived (I still live there) on a small lake in Hales Corners. During my working years I was Information Technology Director for 30 years at The Journal Company/Journal Communications. I have a son who lives in California and a sister and brother-in-law who live in New Berlin. My mother was 100% Italian and my father was 100% German.

My hobbies and interests? In general, Garden Scale trains, technology-related projects, yard/lake maintenance; photography, civic volunteer projects, country music, kayaking, and travel. Some of my past activities were Lifelong Learning senior technology teacher, chamber of commerce member, Lions Club and Rotary Club member, and member of the Hales Corners Historical Society. I currently am active in church technology support responsibilities, Friends of Boerner Botanical Gardens sponsor, Wisconsin DNR lake reporter, Wisconsin Clean Boats, and Clean Waters monitor.

I'm relatively new to winemaking, but have enjoyed wines for many, many years and have participated in a grape harvesting this last fall for a local winery. I have been making wine for three years on my own after helping a "more" senior friend for a couple years, by doing the heavy lifting for his home brewing (he's made wine since 1977). My primary interest the last three years has been to experiment making cherry wine from fresh Door County cherries (three years, four cycles). I've also tried some box programs from Purple Foot. I don't grow any fruit for wine. I joined the Wisconsin Vintners Association because a friend of mine signed me up and paid for my membership! I'm not sure yet how this will help me, but I am looking forward to the options and opportunities.



**WISCONSIN VINTNERS ASSOCIATION****PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Hope to see everyone at the dinner dance where they will be games, good food and wine. This is our only fundraiser of the year and it allows us to supplement our off-site functions throughout the year. If we don't see you at the Dinner Dance, the next general meeting is March 13th, so see you there! March 16th is the date for our Club Judging. The judging is a great way of getting your wine evaluated. The judges try to include notes on the positive and the negative attributes of your wine. I have had wines that I thought were winners and after reading the comments and tasting the wine again I see the faults that the judges noticed. Rarely do we make a wine that is not drinkable, but our goals are to make the best wine possible and the Club judging is an excellent way of receiving constructive feedback on our wines.

*Greg Paczkowski*

**“All wines should be tasted; some should only be sipped,  
but with others, drink the whole bottle.”**

**Stephen Franzoi  
WVA Corresponding Secretary**