

## President's Message

Happy Holidays and welcome to the New Year!

We have so many ideas for this year and we hope you will all take a role in making this a fantastic year.

How can you help, you may ask?

- You can be sure to attend the meetings on the first Thursday of each month.
- You can come to the planning parties and give us feedback into what YOU want to get out of our club. These are held the second Thursday of each month at someone's private home.
- You could consider taking on one of our new officer roles (to be voted on January 12th at the board meeting). Those are:

**PR Czar:** This person/people will increase our presence in the wine community by getting us into area contests, tastings, publications and newspapers.

**Sargent at arms:** This person helps get us started and ended on time.

**Guest services:** This person/these people be sure guests are greeted at the meetings and sits with them to answer questions, ensure they have a plate and glass, and helps the membership director (Dave Lustig) invite them to join.

**Event Coordinators:** (Role Filled) The Reithmayr's and Renee have volunteered to take on this role which includes coordinating committees for each of our events; suggesting new events; and ensuring a budget is drafted and we break even on events.

**See you Thursday, January 5th for the Pouring of the Golds!**

**Potluck theme is Soup and Salads (bring your own plate, bowl, cutlery, and glass as we have a "green" policy.)**

Cheers, Matt Lester, President



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Looking for  
good people  
to  
volunteer for  
new  
positions in  
2017!

## 2017 Board Members



Position	Name
President and co-President	Matt Lester Elissa Rosenberg
Vice President	Jean Moore
Secretary	Mimi Roberts
Membership	Dave Lustig
Treasure	Bruce Kasson
Newsletter Editor	Juanita Schmidt
Web Master	Gregg Ogorzelec
PR Czar	Needs to be filled
Sargent at arms	Needs to be filled
Guest services	Needs to be filled
Event Coordinators	Renee Sikes and the Reithmayr's



# Calendar of Events and Meetings

Events	Details	Date
Monthly Meeting	<p><b>Pouring of the Golds!</b> If you won a gold metal at the Annual Cellarmasters Amateur Wine Competition bring a bottle to pour as you tell the club the details of your winning wine.</p> <p><b>Potluck Theme: Soup and Salads. Bring a bottle of wine to share.</b></p> <p><b>Location:</b> Wine, Beer and Cheese Shop in Woodland Hills</p>	<p>January 5</p> <p>6:30 pm setup and meet &amp; greet. 7 pm Potluck</p>
Planning Meeting	<p>Planning Meeting will be at the President's house. Contact Matt Lester at <a href="mailto:lestmj2@hotmail.com">lestmj2@hotmail.com</a>. Bring a potluck dish and bottle of wine to share. Come prepared to volunteer for another great year of events and winemaking experiences.</p>	<p>January 12</p> <p>7 pm sharp.</p>

## It is time to pay your membership dues

Our web site address is: <http://cellarmastersla.org/>

The link to paying for your membership via PayPal is

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Dues are \$40/year if you live in the state of California and \$30/year if you live out of state. And includes all these benefits:

- A yearly subscription to Winemaker Magazine digital and print versions. A \$30 value!
- Our monthly club newsletter filled with details of club events, winemaking tips, and all sorts of wine related happenings.
- Invitations to club events and seminars, such as our judging clinic, vine pruning clinic, and home winemakers' home cellar tour.

- Discounts on club sponsored wine tastings, wine country bus tours, winemaker-themed dinners, and other special events held throughout the year.
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# Cellarbration Photos

BY ELISSA



The Maltose Falcon's Brews Band played for us this year. They were great and everyone danced up a storm. We hope we can get them back next year. (photo supplied by Jon)

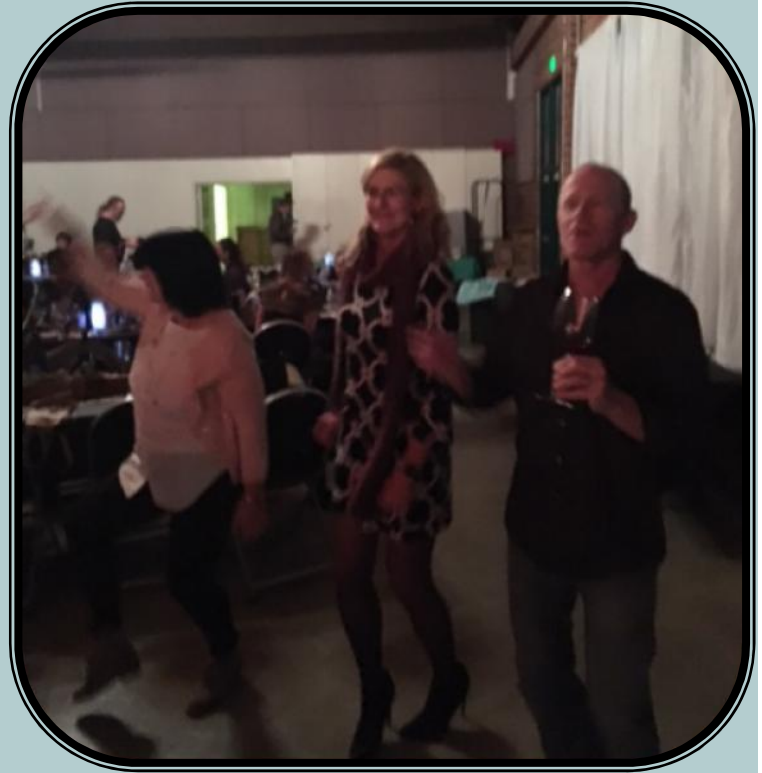


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# Cellarbration Photos (continued)

BY ELISSA

Jean and Pete moving to the music ! They are definitely shaking it up!



Carolyn and Andy having a good time too with Camille shaking it up on the far left.

Juanita and Kris.



## Dinner Meeting Protocol



**DUES:** Everyone attending should be a fully paid member of CellarMasters. Please make sure to pay your dues.

**GUESTS** are welcomed as an introduction to our club.

**POT LUCK** means everyone is expected to bring a dish to share.

**GREEN** dining is bringing your own plates, glasses, and utensils. We have emergency supplies only.

**WINE** is meant to be shared. Please bring a bottle along and share it.

**ATTENTION** given to our speaker is a sign of respect.

**WELCOME** new people by learning their names. Ask them to join you.

**CLEAN UP** is everyone's job. Don't leave without doing your share. **RESPONSIBILITY** means drinking sensibly.

WINERY  
MATH

An App to help you with your winemaking.

This was mentioned at the meeting where

Hanna was the

guest speaker a couple of months ago. Promised to put it in newsletter by forgot. Here it is now.

Built based on the requests of professional winemakers, Winery Math is an app that helps simplify the calculations needed in winemaking.

Whether it's figuring out how many bottle of wine a tank will fill, or how much Potassium Metabisulfate is needed to preserve the wine, many of the various calculations that a winemaker commonly uses is automated with this app.

It is currently only available for Apple products. For more information on what it does, go to the this link.

<http://pandromos.com/winerymath.html>

## Visit our Sponsor

### The Home Beer/Wine/Cheesemaking Shop,

serving the discerning winemaker since 1972.

- ◆ ITALIAN/GERMAN WINEMAKING EQUIPMENT. Due early August. Guarantee your needs by ordering now. Great prices and Free Shipping to The Shop! Call to place your order (818-884-8586). 50% deposit. Complete listing at: [www.homebeerwinecheese.com/grapeprocessingequipment%2012.htm](http://www.homebeerwinecheese.com/grapeprocessingequipment%2012.htm)
- ◆ 10% Discount to paid up members, on most items.
- ◆ "FOR WINE GEEKS ONLY" [www.homebeerwinecheese.com/WINE%20GEEK%20ARTICLES.htm](http://www.homebeerwinecheese.com/WINE%20GEEK%20ARTICLES.htm)
- ◆ THE SHOP WEB-SITE: [www.homebeerwinecheese.com](http://www.homebeerwinecheese.com)
- ◆ EVERY WEEKEND, Taste the Best of Locally Grown/Made Wines: [www.camarillocustomcrush.com](http://www.camarillocustomcrush.com)
- ◆ LOTS OF LOCAL WINERIES/WINE BARS/BREWERIES TO ENJOY: [www.venturacountywinetrail.com](http://www.venturacountywinetrail.com)
- ◆ HANDY CELLAR WORK CHARTS AND CALCULATORS: <http://www.homebeerwinecheese.com/wine.htm>
- ◆ July 4th - Posting /Prices/Ordering for Grape Harvest 2016: <http://www.homebeerwinecheese.com/wine.htm>

The CellarMasters Home Wine Club is a volunteer organization dedicated to promoting the art and science of home winemaking. We provide a forum for the exchange of information on winemaking methods and personal experiences.

Monthly meetings are normally held the first Thursday evening of the month at the "Home Beer, Wine and Cheese Making Shop" (our sponsor) in Woodland Hills, California. CellarMasters is the sole sponsor of the annual U.S. Amateur Winemaking Competition.

This is the official CellarMasters newsletter. Annual subscriptions are complimentary with CellarMasters membership. We attempt to publish monthly but harvest, bottling, and/or purely educational wine-tasting may well deter us.

## CellarMasters Membership and Paying Your Dues

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