## King George Chapter Newsletter February++



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Wow, the 28 members who attended the Feb 14 presentation by Rita Allan were treated to



a delightful romance trip through film clips, wine and chocolate. Rita shared some tidbits about how Valentine's Day came to be, the importance of the Gardenia and the arrival of chocolate in a marketing/movie fashion. She wove the concept of love through her selection of wines starting with a bubbly from Verona and pairing it with the orange chocolate. As she

moved to each wine, some aspect of love was highlighted in her story and





augmented by a movie clip. Each

wine was paired with a delectable chocolate. As there is insufficient space here to do
justice to her intricate story, this writer recommends accessing her presentation on our
website. We tasted wines made from Shiraz, Grenache, Petit Verdot, Petite Sirah, Bonarda,
Malbec among others. Members agreed that the tasting was a great way to spend Valentine's Day.

Every female received a rose from Mike.



|   |                                                              | Vote - | Favorite |      |
|---|--------------------------------------------------------------|--------|----------|------|
| # | Wine                                                         | Reds   | Overall  | Cost |
| 1 | Sartori di Verona, Love Story Sparkling Soave DOC, Italy NV  |        | 3        | 19   |
| 2 | Taken Wine Co., Complicated Red Blend Central Coast, CA 2015 | 6      | 1        | 24   |
| 3 | Zolo, Petit Verdot Black, Mendoza AR 2012                    | 6      | 3        | 42   |
| 4 | Ernie Els, Big Easy Red Stellenbosch, South Africa 2017      | 4      |          | 23   |
| 5 | VDR, Very Dark Red Estate Grown Hames Valley, CA 2015        | 17     | 18       | 26   |
| 6 | Doña Paula, Smoked Red Blend Luján de Cuyo, AR 2017          | 8      | 5        | 19   |

| March Meeting |
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Linda Crandall to address soil/terrior on March 13, 7:30 PM at the American Legion.

**Business**- President Hyde addressed some tariff issues and has since sent the link to members. She also addressed renewing both AWS and chapter dues.

| # | Best Pairing | Votes |
|---|--------------|-------|
| 1 | Orange       |       |
| 2 | Strawberry   | 5     |
| 3 | Chili        |       |
| 4 | Plain        | 2     |
| 5 | Raspberry    | 14    |
| 6 | Truffle      | 11    |

Let's not forget January. Thanks to Renee Dunn for educating the group on the Rise of American Wine highlighting key points of wine evolution from that book. Six wines were tasted, taking us through pre and post prohibition, such as Jefferson's love of wine and agriculture to Nicholas Longworth's creation of the first successful American winery to the production of quality wine through Konstantin Frank and Robert Mondavi's talents and passion . Thanks to Debbie Loutzenhiser for proving food treats.

Welcome to the Janaceks who joined our chapter.

| 2020 Programs  |                     |                     |               |  |  |
|----------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------|--|--|
| Date           | Presenter           | Topic               | Food Preparer |  |  |
| March 13th     | Linda Crandall      | Soil/Terrior        | Britton       |  |  |
| April 10th     | Hailey and Chauncey | Rose'               |               |  |  |
| May 8th        | Dave Loudin         | Bonarda Grape       |               |  |  |
| June 12th      | Heitmeyer           |                     |               |  |  |
| July 10th      |                     |                     |               |  |  |
| August 14th    |                     |                     |               |  |  |
| September 11th | Stricklands         | Australian Wines    |               |  |  |
| October 9th    |                     |                     |               |  |  |
| November 13th  | Chianti             | Burckell            | Burckell      |  |  |
| December 11th  | All                 | Holiday Celebration | All           |  |  |