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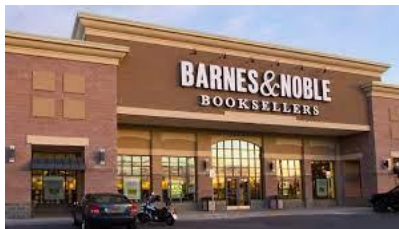
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Message from Your Newsletter Editor

Larry Martin
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Oh my God!
O-mi-Cron!
Will this ever end?

January 30th came and went without our Book Expo, canceled for the 2nd year in a row because of Covid. Maybe next year? Kudos to John Prince and his excellent planning committee, who worked so hard on the event over two years.

The good news is that our other club activities are largely unaffected, including monthly meetings at Laurel Manor, all critique groups, books for sale at All Booked Up and Barnes & Noble, and of course our online Thursday writing videos.

Writers write!

Communications Director Rita Boehm has arranged for an update of our website home page photo -- this one below, taken pre-Covid at Laurel Manor, around the grand staircase.

Directly after our February 9th General Meeting, the *Daily Sun's* Social Media Coordinator will take a group picture of our membership. The paper intends to focus on our published authors—with their books in hand. The general meeting will run from 9 – 10:30, with a presentation by Phyllis Walters and Ron Markland about writing crime fiction. At 10:45, we will gather in the lobby for the picture. Bring a copy of one of your books and wear something photogenic.



Last month's newsletter contest asked you to identify pictures of five famous writers. Only one person got them all correct – Barbara Rein, whose book is featured on page 9. Several people got 4 of the 5, most missing Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings.

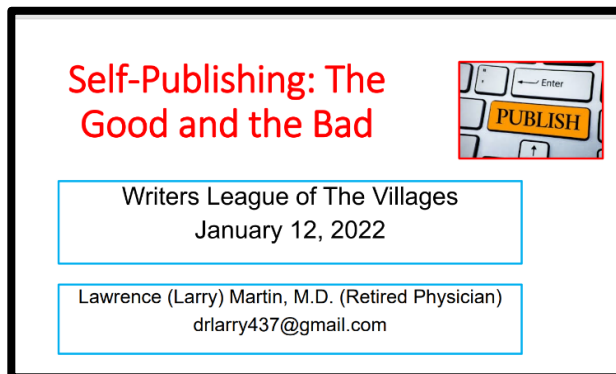
This month I'll make it a little easier, and offer just four images of writers, two men and two women. Same rules. Identify **4 famous authors** just by their picture. Hint: One of them won the Nobel Prize for literature. If you come upon one or two unfamiliar photos, take a guess, and google the name. I'll start off with a super easy one, shown here →.



You must state the page number with the photo name. The prize is the same as before -- publicity in the next newsletter for any of your books. Mail your answers to drlarry437@gmail.com.

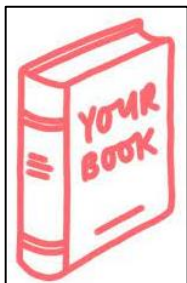
Talk on Self-publishing: Preparation for Book Expo 22 was going to be the topic at our January 12 general meeting. With Expo canceled, I offered to give a Powerpoint presentation I had presented last year at Civil Discourse on Self-publishing: The Good and the Bad. The audio was not recorded, but you can access the slides at the link below. Most of the slides are self-explanatory, so the main points should come across without narration.

<https://writersleagueofthevillages.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/Self-Publishing-WLOV-January-18-2022-1.pdf>



Upcoming Club Events Feb '22 – May '22

Thursday, February 3, 6:30 to 8:30 pm. Wine and Words Club, at the Riverbend Recreation Center, 1883 Corbin Trail, Wildwood, FL (South of 44 – Google Maps will find it). WLOV Members will be featured in the next few months. Paula Howard and Lindsay Collier will discuss their writing. For WLOV presenters March through July, see Rita Boehm's message on page 6.



Wednesday, February 9, 9-11 am – General Meeting, Laurel Manor Rec Center: Member Panel will discuss “Writing True Crime and Murder,” featuring crime writers Phyllis Walters & Ron Markland. Q & A to follow. **Bring one of your books. Group picture to be taken directly after the meeting to update website home page.**

Tuesday, March 8, 11 am – 2 pm – Book signing at All Booked Up, Colony Plaza, by Authors whose books are for sale in the store that month.

Wednesday, March 9, 9-11 am – General Meeting, Laurel Manor Rec Center. “How to Edit,” presented by Bona Hayes. You will learn terminology, how to do-it-yourself, and what you might expect if you hire an editor. For newbies and experts alike! Q & A to follow.

Tuesday, April 12, 11 am – 2 pm – Book signing at All Booked Up, Colony Plaza, by Authors whose books are for sale in the store that month.

Wednesday, April 13, 9-11 am – General Meeting, Laurel Manor Rec Center, “Genres, Book Blurbs, Tag Lines” presented by Penny Thomas. “How to Write a Book Review & Where to Post It” presented by Linda Keenan. Both topics are important for our authors’ book promotion.

Wednesday, May 11, 9-11 am – General Meeting, Laurel Manor Rec Center, Presentation by member Jack O’Brien about his experience in writing “The Roundabout Way.” Q & A to follow.

ALSO...

Writing Videos from Great Courses, via Zoom: Thursdays at 3 pm

WLOV members receive an email to sign in before 3 pm **Thursdays**. Hosted by Paula Howard, past president of WLOV. Any questions about these videos, please email WLOVwriters@gmail.com.

Greetings Writers!



A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Linda Keenan

First let me address our disappointment that BookExpo2022 was canceled for the second year in a row due to concerns about the pandemic that continues to rear its ugly head. It was a very difficult decision to come to but a necessary one. John Prince and his committee, Bona Hayes, Manijeh Badiozamani, Paula Tucker and Barbara Miller all worked very hard in order that BookExpo would be successful. The good news is that their work is not wasted. Why? Because they know how to organize, publicize, and run this exciting event and they will share their knowledge with the next team for BookExpo2023!

REFUNDS. Most of the refund checks for the BookExpo have been sent out by the WLOV Treasurer. However, more checks had to be ordered to write the rest. If you have not yet received your refund, please accept our apology and know that yours will be sent the moment new checks are received.

WLOV is an all-volunteer organization dedicated to the success of its members and their writing. We help to promote their books. We offer programs to educate writers whether they are published or not. For a list of our [Board of Directors](#), with short bio of each, see pages 14-15.

There are many opportunities for networking with like-minded people and people that can assist writers in advancing the writer's craft. And our website is a treasure trove of resources: <https://writersleagueofthevillages.com>.

Get Inspired! Step into the Excitement!

Now for the *really* good news . . . there are some positions available within your club that will inspire you to join the excitement of your peers and make WLOV the best it can be – with your help and involvement.

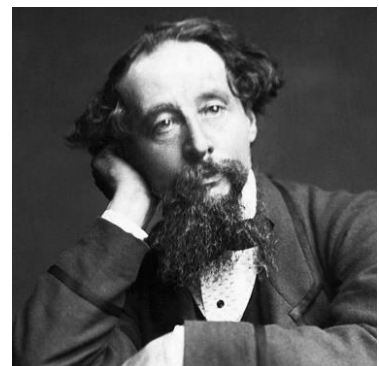
- ❖ Join our new **Scholarship Committee** Chair, Tweet Coleman. Be among the first 3 to step up and be involved with setting up FUN raising events that will benefit a budding author at Wildwood H.S. by awarding a scholarship! Contact Tweet Coleman: tweetcoleman@gmail.com or 808-600-1010. (See Tweet's message on page 6.)
- ❖ Your **Program Committee** has room for you to join in the fun too. Be part of the decision-making process of choosing to stage creative events that our members will clamor to be involved with . . . monthly meeting speakers or special events that showcase our authors to friends and neighbors. Contact Linda Keenan: linlee312@yahoo.com or text/call 203-470-1009.
- ❖ Get in on the ground floor of a new project: **Archiving WLOV news items for easy access**. We are collecting all the print news items about our club, its members and their books, and need to archive them for easy internet access. Are you computer-savvy for this task? Great, because we need someone to work with our club Historian Nancy Pflum, to help organize and scan documents into files that can be easily accessed by our members. Let me know at linlee312@yahoo.com or text/call me at 203-470-1009.
- ❖ **BookExpo2023** Team is forming now and beginning to plan for our twice-canceled writer and reader event that has previously brought thousands to our Book Expo. If you would like to be on this team, please contact Rita Boehm, ritab1423@gmail.com or 240-751-3978.

Do you take time off from The Villages & WLOV in the summertime? No worries. There are no June or July meetings.

Stay inspired to write and join in the WLOV fun,

Linda

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Exciting Collaboration between Wine and Words Club and WLOV

By Rita Boehm, WLOV Communications Director



If you haven't attended a Wine & Words meeting, you're missing a fun and engaging evening. You're also missing a phenomenal opportunity to promote your latest book.

The club meets from 6:30 to 8:30 pm on the first Thursday of the month at the Riverbend Recreation Center, 1883 Corbin Trail, Wildwood, FL. WLOV members who will be featured in the next few months are as follows:

February 3: Paula Howard and Lindsay Collier

March 3: Bona Hayes and Barbara Rein

April 7: Phyllis Walters and Gary Koca

May 5: Mark Newhouse and Paula Tucker

June 2: Patrick Miller and Ann Heathman

July 1: Judi Ciance plus one other...could be you!

If you'd like to present at a future meeting, contact Frank Lancione at flancione@verizon.net or call him @ 703-626-7514. Better yet, join us at the next meeting and speak to Frank in person!

Looking for Scholarship Committee Members

By Tweet Coleman

Chairwoman, WLOV Scholarship Committee



The WLOV will present a scholarship to a student at the Wildwood High School. The student will write an essay on "Why is it important to be a good writer." This scholarship will be presented in April 2022.

We are looking for three members to step up and join on this exciting committee. If interested contact Tweet Coleman, EdD tweetcoleman@gmail.com or 808-600-1010.



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BARNES & NOBLE UPDATE

By Rita Boehm, WLOV Communications Director

Have you visited Barnes & Noble yet to check out the latest selection of member books? If not, why not? There's something for everyone in the grouping of WLOV books, which will be in the store until March 31st. We are working on expanding our presence and adding more authors – your book could be in the next grouping.

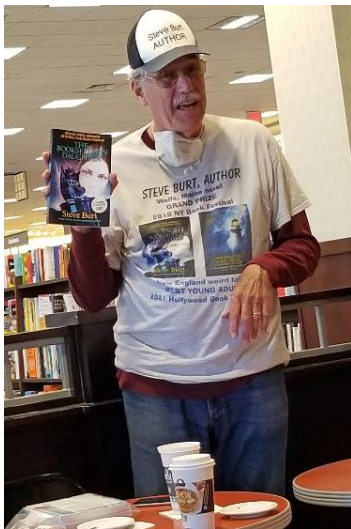
Support your fellow members. Visit the store. We had a great turnout at the January 8th kickoff event (see pics on next page). When you go, ask at the Customer Service desk where the Writers League books are located. Thank them for supporting local authors – and most importantly, buy a book—or two! Below is the store's current selection of WLOV authors.

Since we don't have Expo this year, we've decided to spend a little bit of money on ads. Here is the first ad that will appear in the Club Connection section of the *Daily Sun's* Club Section on Tuesday Feb 1st and Tuesday Feb 15th. It promotes our books in both Barnes & Noble and All Booked Up (for more on All Booked Up, see page 10).



NAME		GENRE	TITLE
STEVE	BURT	YOUTH, HISTORIC FANTASY	THE BOOKSELLER'S DAUGHTER
LEIGH	COURT	ROMANCE	ROCK STAR
DONN	DEARS	NON-FICTION, ENERGY	THE LOOMING ENERGY CRISIS
RICK	GREENBERG	MILITARY	SILENT HEROES, A Recon Marine's Vietnam War Experience
JACK	HAYES	BASEBALL	BASEBALLS GREATEST HITS AND MISSES
BRENDA	HIATT	YA SCI FI	STARSTRUCK
DAN	KINCAID	YA PARK SERVICE	KADE HOLLEY, Forest Ranger, Vol 1
JOHN	MALLON	HISTORIC FICTION	THE RATHBONE PLOT
LARRY	MARTIN	HUMOR & SHORT FICTION	WHAT JUST LANDED IN THE VILLAGES AND OTHER SHORT FICTION
GIANNA	RAGONA-SUAREZ	YOGA	COSMIC READINGS FOR HATHA YOGA
SHARON	SOLOMON	YOUTH, BIOGRAPHY	JAMES SMITH, FOUR YEARS A MOHAWK
GERALYN	VILAR	COOKBOOK	DELICIOUSLY LOW FAT

Barnes and Noble Kickoff, January 8, 2022



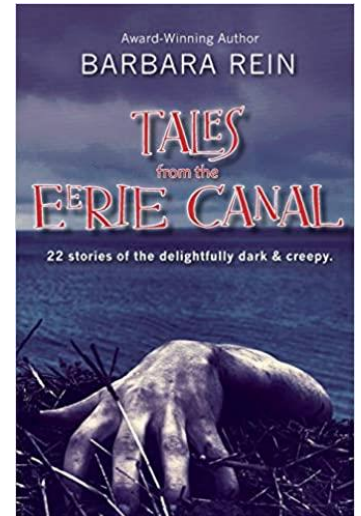
Winner of January Newsletter Contest -- Barbara Rein

Barbara is the only entrant who correctly identified all five famous authors in the January newsletter. In order, they were Mark Twain, Kurt Vonnegut, J.K. Rowling, Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings, and Edgar Allan Poe. Below is information about Barbara's award-winning book, *Tales from the Eerie Canal*.



TALES FROM THE EERIE CANAL: 22 Stories of the Delightfully Dark and Creepy.

Winner of Florida Writers Association Royal Palm Literary Award for "Best Published Book of the Year."



MURDER BY TOILET PLUNGER. REVENGE BY PIE. A BIRTHDAY GIFT OF A TRIP TO HELL.

An eclectic collection of 22 short stories weaving the sinister mystery of Edgar Allan Poe with the dark humor of Edward Gorey. Bites of psychological horror stirred with bits of the absurd. A Twilight Zone of the deliciously disturbing sprinkled with a kick of wit.

Barbara Rein, named "Short Story Writer of the Year" by In2ition Magazine, writes in the genre of "horror lite"—more goosebumps than gore. Her stories are like chocolate—most are dark, some milk and mild, a few white and light, but they all have that chocolate-covered-pretzel twist. A Floridian transplanted from New York, Barbara admits to being dachshund-obsessed.

Tales from the Eerie Canal: 22 Stories of the Delightfully Dark and Creepy

<https://bit.ly/TalesfromtheEerieCanal>

The Villages Poetry Club Welcomes New Members

Interested in poetry? Come to the Villages Poetry Workshop. We meet the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at Paradise Rec Center at 10 am. All Villages residents and their guests are welcome to attend. There is no membership fee and we are always looking for new poets willing to share their original poetry. For more information contact Marc Rissman, at poet221@aol.com or call 352-552-0321.



All Booked Up, Colony Plaza

WLOV Books for Sale During February 2022

Fiction - "The Deacon and the Shield" by John Howard

- "Mugs, Hugs and Jugs" by Michael Doyle

- "The Scare Factory" by Billy Wells

Children's - "Margot's Missing Scrunchie" by Diana Braddom

Non-Fiction/Memoir - "Mountains Along Our Path" by Cleo Simon

Non-Fiction/Other - "Take Charge of Your Cancer" by Austin Leahy

Villagers Magazine - "I'm Almost History" by Richard Stoebel



INTERESTED IN HAVING YOUR BOOK SOLD AT ALL BOOKED UP?

By Bill Pullen

Our membership has grown over the past couple of years and I want to make newer members aware of an opportunity to sell their book at the All Booked Up, an independent bookstore, Colony Plaza Shopping Center.

Background: In October 2019, the owners of All Booked Up partnered with WLOV by providing space for local retail exposure to our authors. They designated one shelf, which will accommodate up to 7 books randomly selected for a 2-month period. Based on our approach, the books are selected as follows: 3 fiction, 1 children's book, 1 non-fiction (memoir, self-help, inspirational) and 1 non-fiction (other). The 7th spot is reserved for the Villages Magazine's featured local author of the month (providing this is a WLOV member). In 2021 our WLOV authors sold a total of 151 books.

For authors selected, we start with 3 signed books – priced no higher than the price listed on Amazon. However, most authors discount their books slightly from the Amazon listing.

Currently we have a waiting list for participation. To add your name to our wait list, or to ask any questions, please contact me at billanita@att.net or (352) 430-3006.

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New Books in WLOV Book Catalog

For the latest books in the WLOV book catalog, go to www.writersleagueofthevillages.com and click on “Latest Books From Members” (left side of screen). To place your new book in the catalog, send the cover, a blurb and Amazon link to WLOVwriters@gmail.com.



FWA Writing Contests Open February 1st

Royal Palm Literary Awards and FWA Collection Series are now open for entries. Submission period runs from Feb 1 – April 30, 2022.

Details at:

<https://www.floridawriters.org/writing-contests>



FWA Podcast with WLOV Founder and Member Mark Newhouse

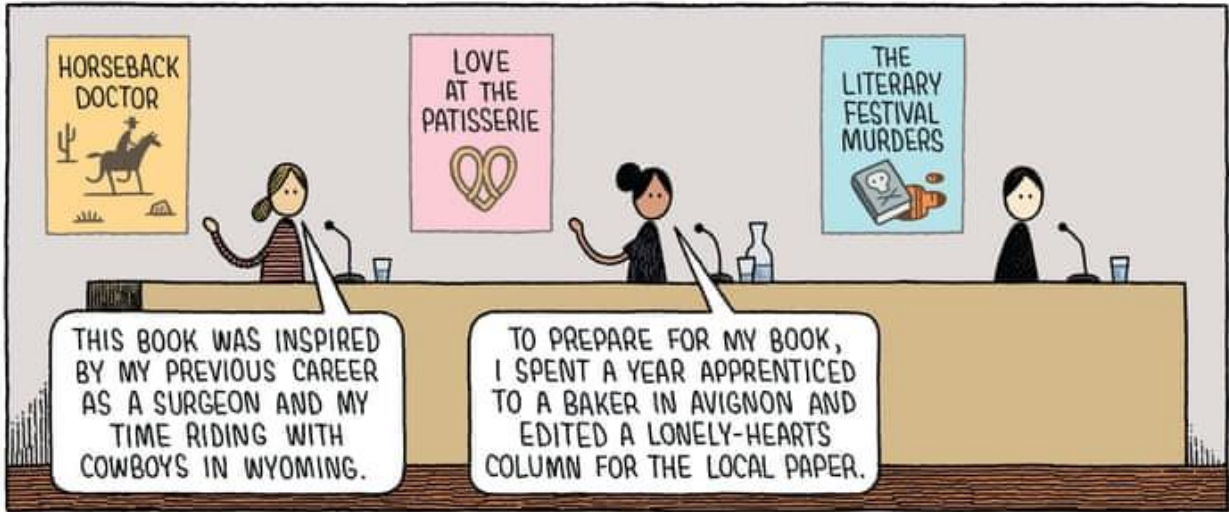


Recorded October 16,2021; 26-minute podcast available online at:

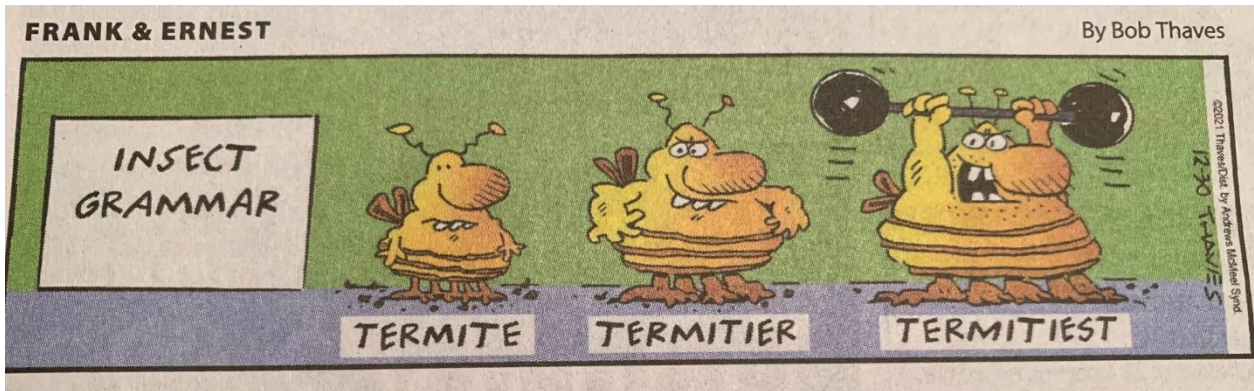
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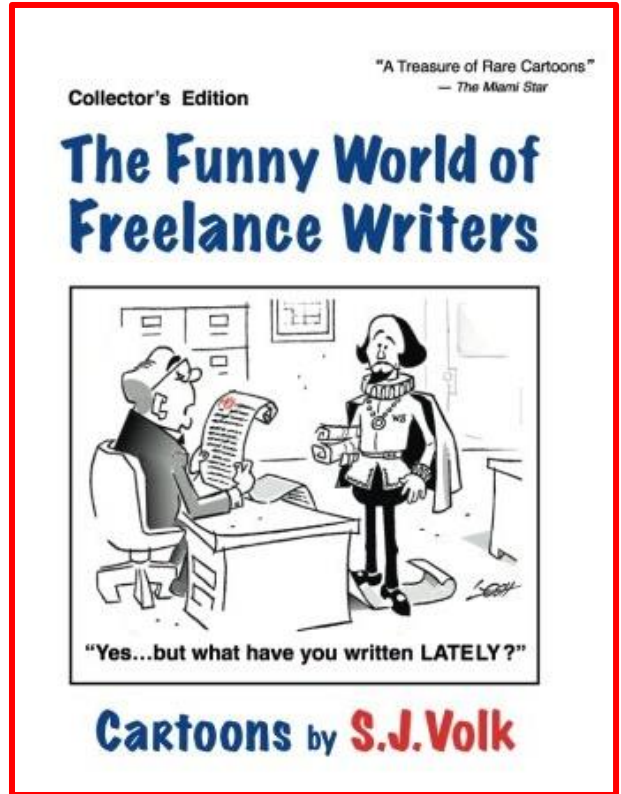
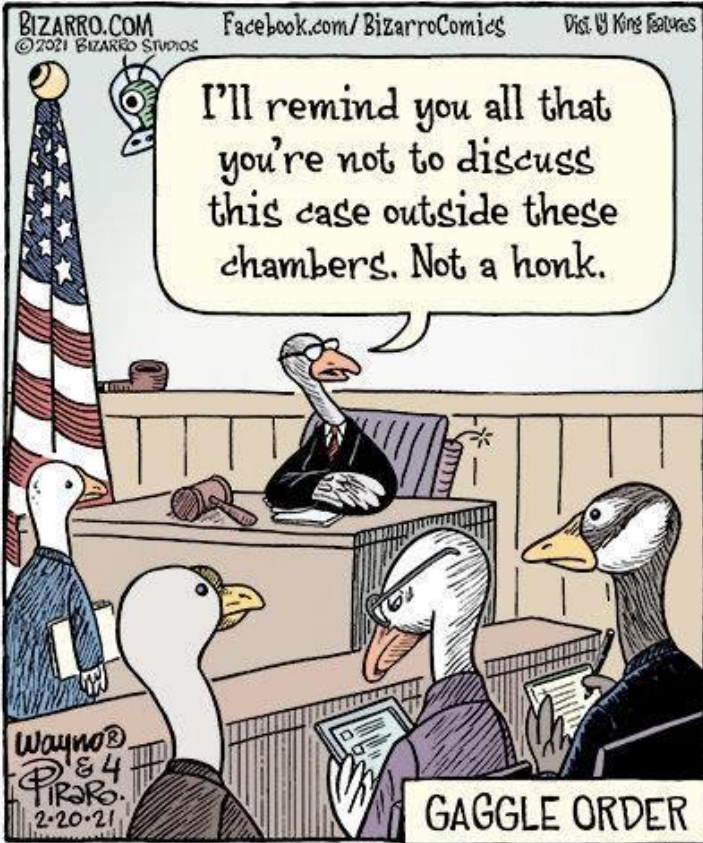
After reaching 350 Amazon Reviews for his Devil's Bookkeeper series, Florida Writer Podcast host Alison Nissen chats with Literary Fiction and Children's author Mark Newhouse about writing about hard things, self-promotion, social media, and the Florida Writers Association Youth group.

Cartoons



TOM GAULD





APPENDIX



SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT 2022 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

PRESIDENT:



Linda Lee Keenan

Background: Retired Paralegal and Adjunct Professor of History. She holds a B.S. in Legal Studies & M.A. in International History. Linda was also a court liaison for Children in Placement in Connecticut.

From: Buffalo, NY and Danbury, CT

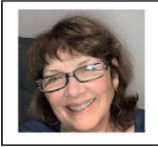
Published Books: “With Love From Poland” & “The Journal” both

Historical Fiction set against the backdrop of the Second World War

Hobbies: Writing, Reading, Watching Movies, Golf, Bocci, Small Dog Lover!

Presently Working on short stories of unusual personal experiences

SECRETARY:



Susan DeLay

Background: Media Relations Director at Global Leadership Network. Board Member Chicago Book Clinic.

From: Ohio and most recently Chicago

Published Books: “DeLayed Reaction”

Hobbies: Reading, Travel, Writing

Presently Working on “Saving Jesus” and a Trilogy: “Without a Sound”

TREASURER:



Betty Frankfather

Background: Served as a Human Resource Manager for the Dept of State/ Diplomatic Corps. Worked and lived overseas for 28 years serving on every continent.

From: New Jersey

Published Books: “The Sand Dollar Club” children’s book, 2005

Hobbies: Writing stories, poems and songs. Volunteer work.

Presently Working on compiling several short stories that focus on my West Africa experiences.

COMMUNICATIONS

DIRECTOR:



Rita Boehm

Background: After a successful 40+ career in the defense electronics industry, Rita retired in 2014 and published her 1st novel a year later. She was WLOV President in 2018 and 2021.

From: Initially from New York, then Colorado and Maryland with her job

Published Books: Second Chances Trilogy: “Second Chances” “Beyond

Second Chances” “Another Chance” “Cassie’s Journey” “Missing

On Maple Street” “Bluebirds in the Garden” “One Soldier’s War”

Hobbies: Riding and training my horse, golfing, photography, gardening

Presently Working on a rewrite of “Cassie’s Journey” which will be told totally from the perspective of the protagonist. The new title is “The Price of Revenge”

NEWSLETTER

EDITOR:



Larry Martin

Background: Retired physician (pulmonologist) for University Hospitals of Cleveland; past president of WLOV 2017; author of 23 books; 8 Florida Writing Association RPLA writing awards

From: Cleveland

Published Books: www.lakesidepress.com/books.html or Amazon Author Page: [https://www.amazon.com/Lawrence-](https://www.amazon.com/Lawrence-Martin/e/B000APVGH6%3Fref=dbs_a_mng_rwt_scns_share)

Martin/e/B000APVGH6%3Fref=dbs_a_mng_rwt_scns_share

Hobbies: Writing, piano, ukulele, golf, hiking

Presently Working on a novella: "Would You Go? Journey to Mars"

HISTORIAN:



Nancy Pflum

Background: A clinical counselor in a community mental health center.

She worked with adult clients suffering from severe mental illness.

From: Tipp City, Ohio

Published Books: "Murder on the Menu" and "The Last Cross"

Hobbies: Writing, golfing, bowling, reading, growing house plants, decorating

Presently Working on a sequel to her 1st book & a biography of Donald Goldstein

MEMBERSHIP

CHAIR:



Shari Cohen

Background: Bachelor of Arts Degree in English and Elementary Education.

A Master of Non-profit Management from FAU. Shari says she has had a wonderful career working in Social Service Agencies for 20+ years.

From: New York, Long Island and South Florida

Hobbies: my iPad, Reading, seeing live music, Cooking/Baking, Socializing with Friends

Presently Working on a novel about two women who are faced with life and love and its fluent changes. This will be a work of fiction and will be a fun, fast read.

SCHOLARSHIP

CHAIR:



Tweet Coleman, EdD

Background: People describe Tweet as energetic and motivated by challenges.

Her philosophy is: There are those who give with joy, and that joy is their reward.

From: Louisville, Ohio

Published Books: "Take Your Life Off Autopilot" and "Live With Purpose, Passion & Power"

Hobbies: Flying, Tennis, Yoga, Women Doctors Club

Presently Working on "How Does Landing a Boeing 747 Resemble Life"

WEBMASTER:



Paula F. Howard

Background: Paula served in the Peace Corps in South America, then married,

raised 3 children while finishing college & spent 35 years in marketing, journalism & special event planning. She later graduated as a Registered Nurse & worked for 15 years in healthcare. Upon retiring to The Villages, she has become an independent editor/publisher of books for others.

From: Cleveland, Ohio

Published Books: "The Power of One" "The Hidden Pricetag"

"The Angel and The Boatman" "Memories Today: 15 Questions"

Hobbies: Reading, Writing, Ballroom Dancing, Metaphysics

Presently Working On Another metaphysical thriller- "Death is Never Late"