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April is the busiest month! See page 3.



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Message from Your Newsletter Editor

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Last month's newsletter contest asked you to identify authors of 9 books by WLOV members. We had three winners: Marsha Shearer, Geralyn Vilar, and Robert Albert. Their book promotions are on [pages 13-14](#).

This month's newsletter trivia contest is different. All it asks is for you to identify a single author, quoted somewhere in this newsletter. When you come across the quote, to enter just send me the author's *full* name (first, middle, last), the year of birth and death, the name of the work that the quote is from *and* the year of first publication. *Incomplete information will not win*. The first 3 correct entries will receive publicity for their book

in the next newsletter. Hint: The quote is very familiar.

WLOV will meet at Laurel Manor in April and May, then take a break until August. The August meeting will be on Zoom, and the September meeting will again be at Laurel Manor. Upcoming Events are listed on the next page, and there are many. In addition to our general meetings, there are books signings (April 12), B&N Meet the Authors (April 9 and May 7), a new Author Fair (April 24), and the WLOV FUNraiser (April 29).

And, on April Fool's Day – my talk on self-publishing at Lake Miona Rec Center (Philosophy Club). This is a reprise of the talk I gave during our January general meeting. If you missed that one, and can't make the one on April 1, you can view my slides (no audio) at <http://www.lakesidepress.com/Self-Publishing-Good&Bad.pdf>.

Insane! The amount of information included in this newsletter. 18 pages! Everything is important or useful or interesting to someone, and all should be covered. However, if you're short of time, and only want to read two other pages (after this one, of course), make it pages 3 and 4; they will highlight upcoming events and alert you to other important items herein, like our new Amazon Smiles program [described on page 9](#). Thanks to Susan DeLay for implementing this program.

One unique item I recommend is a letter to the editor of *The New York Times*, by WLOV member Nancy Shultz. You will find our club mentioned. [Read it on page 15](#).

BTW, if you plan to enter either the FWA or FAPA writing contests, you have one more month. The deadline for both is April 30. [See pages 5 and 6](#).

Upcoming Writing-Related Events

Friday, April 1, 4 – 5:30 pm – Philosophy Club, Lake Miona Rec Center. “The Good News and Bad News about Self-publishing.” Larry Martin, WLOV Newsletter editor. Powerpoint slides online at <http://www.lakesidepress.com/Self-Publishing-Good&Bad.pdf>.

Thursday, April 7 – 6:30-8:30 pm – Wine & Words, Riverbend Rec Center. Speakers Phyllis Walters and Gary Koca

Saturday, April 9, 2 pm – Meet the Authors at Barnes & Noble, in the Cafe. Their books will be sold for the new quarter starting in April.

Tuesday, April 12, 11 am – 2 pm – Book signing at All Booked Up, Colony Plaza, by 3 authors whose books are for sale in the store.

Wednesday, April 13, 9 – 11 am – General Meeting, Laurel Manor Rec Center, “Genres, Book Blurbs, Tag Lines” presented by WLOV member Penny Thomas.

Sunday, April 24, 12– 4 pm – Lake Sumter Author Fair, Waterfront Inn, Lake Sumter Landing. See pages 7 and 18 for details.

Friday, April 29, 6 – 8 pm – “FUNraiser” for WLOV Scholarship fund. Laurel Manor Rec Center. \$20 per person. Sign up at <https://WritersLeagueOfTheVillages.com>

Thursday, May 5, 6:30 – 8:30 – Wine & Words, with Mark Newhouse as guest speaker. Riverbend Rec Center.

Saturday, May 7, 2 pm - Meet the Authors at Barnes & Noble, in the Cafe.

Wednesday, May 11, 9 – 11 am – General Meeting, Laurel Manor Rec Center, Presentation by member Jack O’Brien about his experience in book promotion. Q & A to follow.

There will be no monthly meeting for June & July. We will meet via Zoom in August, then resume live meetings in September.

Wednesday, August 10, 9-11 am – Zoom Meeting featuring speaker Penny C. Sansevieri. She is the CEO and founder of Author Marketing Experts, Inc. You will receive an email link to attend this Zoom meeting. You won’t want to miss it!

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.

**BOOKEXPO 2023!! SAVE THE DATE: Sunday, January 29, 2023
Eisenhower Rec Center 12:00 to 4:00 PM**



Join a FUNraiser!
to Benefit our Scholarship Fund
Comedy Mindreading and ESP Show
Mentalist Mark Stone amazed Johnny Carson, Oprah & Regis Philbin when he appeared on their TV shows and he promises to amaze you too!

Friday, April 29, 2022 6 to 8 PM \$20/person BYOB
Laurel Manor Rec Center, 1985 Laurel Manor Dr, The Villages

Reserve Your Seat Online:
<https://WritersLeagueOfTheVillages.com>

GREETINGS TO ALL MEMBERS, INCLUDING OUR NEW MEMBERS!!



A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Linda Keenan

Here is a little REFRESHER about resources available to you as a member of WLOV:

- ✚ If you have questions, **contact** wlovwriters@gmail.com
- ✚ **Your Go-To Resource**-WLOV website: <https://writersleagueofthevillages.com>
- ✚ Find pictures and events on **Facebook**, join: Writers of the Villages Group
- ✚ **Monthly meetings** aimed at increasing your learning about the craft of writing and networking among like-minded writers (See meeting lineup on page 3.)
- ✚ **Thursday Zoom MovieTime** from 3 to 4:15 pm. You will hear from some of the great writers such as David Baldacci in short movies. Links in your email.
- ✚ Find out about Writers **Contests** and **Critique Groups** to enhance your writing.
- ✚ Annual **BookExpo** Sunday, January 29, 2023 – Eisenhower Rec Center, 12-4 pm
- ✚ **Borrow** Author's books from our Library available at monthly meetings
- ✚ Read our informative monthly **Newsletter** sent to your email or on our **website**
- ✚ Check WLOV **website** open to all: <https://writersleagueofthevillages.com>
- ✚ Get seats for our **Scholarship FUNraiser** April 29, 6-8 PM Laurel Manor Center. Seats available on our website <https://writersleagueofthevillages.com> \$20 each
- ✚ Buy a table to sell your own books or attend the **Lake Sumter Author Fair** Sunday April 24 @Waterfront Inn 12-4 pm. [See page 18 for details.](#)
- ✚ **Watch your email** for lots of events like Barnes & Noble Author Events and All Booked Up Author Book Signings, Short Story Nights at Mystic Ice Cream
- ✚ **Free promotion** of your currently published books in our website catalog. Send title, cover image, brief description, ISBN to wlovwriters@gmail.com
- ✚ **FREE EARNINGS FOR WRITERS LEAGUE OF THE VILLAGES; DONATE AUTOMATICALLY WITH NO COST TO YOU. See smile.amazon.com. See page 9**

Stay inspired to Write, Read & Review others' books!

Linda Keenan

FWA Writing Contests for 2022

One more month to enter your work

There are two open writing contests sponsored by FWA for adults; the submission period for each started Feb 1 and ends April 30.

- To enter either contest you need to be an FWA member. You can sign up at <https://www.floridawriters.org/>
- For the **Collection contest**, a book of short stories FWA publishes every year, you can submit two short stories, each no more than 1200 words. The stories must be based on the theme of the year, which for 2022 is “thrills and chills.” There is no fee for entering, but you must be an FWA member. The book publishes 60 stories, out of the 200+ typical number of entries. The top 10 of those published this year will be decided by WLOV’s Barbara Rein, who won top book of the year award last year for her *Tales from the Eerie Canal*.
- For the **Royal Palm Literary Awards**, there are over two dozen categories you can enter. However, each individual is limited to five submissions Your work may be published or unpublished. There is a fee for each submission, which goes up each month, with April being the highest. Note also that FWA stops accepting entries when the total submitted exceeds 550. Click link below for full submission categories and guidelines. <https://fwa.memberclicks.net/assets/docs/2022%20RPLA%20Guidelines--Adult.pdf>

Royal Palm Literary Awards

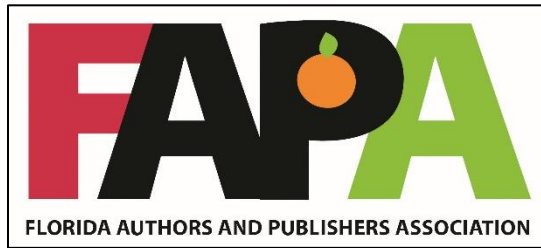
Royal Palm Literary Awards (RPLA) is a prestigious writing competition that recognizes extraordinary writing in 28+ genre categories for adults and 4 for youth and provides objective and constructive written assessments to all entrants.

- RPLA also includes a poetry category. The entry information for poetry states:

POETRY			
Poem	A Poem is a composition, usually in verse, designed to convey experience, ideas, or emotions in a vivid and imaginative way. Characterized by the use of language chosen for its sound and suggestive power and by the use of literary techniques, such as meter, metaphor, and sometimes rhyme. Free verse also fits into this genre. This generally nonrhyming form allows for greater experimentation with such poetic conventions as meter, punctuation, and format.	No	Max 75 lines

One of the most famous lines of poetry ever written is “I think that I shall never see/A poem as lovely as a tree.” Identify *this* quote for this month’s newsletter trivia contest. See page 2 for details.

FAPA Book Awards Deadline Coming Up End of April!



The submission deadline for the Florida Authors and Publishers Association Presidents Book Awards is April 30, 2022. There are 37 categories with bronze, silver, and gold medals awarded in each category. All submissions are digital. (Authors don't have to send in hard copy or actual books.) The awards recognize book publishing excellence in content, design, and production. The judges are librarians and book

industry professionals. Judges' reviews are available on request. Awards will be made at the FAPAcon 2022 conference in Orlando on July 30, 2022.

For complete information and to make a submission, go to <https://myfapa.org/book-awards/>.

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Lake Sumter Author Fair This Month



Author Registration form is on page 18.

**LAKE SUMTER AUTHOR FAIR –
TIME IS RUNNING OUT!**

By Rita Boehm

It's not too late for you to join fellow local authors (most of them WLOV members) at the Lake Sumter Author Fair – but time is running out! Submit your

Registration Form ([see page 18](#)) no later than April 7th. This could be the opportunity you've been looking for to sell your Expo inventory – at a unique, fun location. There will be two cash bars, including a wine and beer bar.

WHERE: Waterfront Inn, 1105 Lake Shore Drive, The Villages

WHEN: Sunday, April 24th from 12 – 4 pm

PRICE: \$50 per table (regardless of size)

REGISTRATION CLOSING DATE: April 7, 2022

PARTICULARS:

Payment: by check made out to Vincent Roberts

Submit to: Vincent Roberts, 16390 Southeast 9th Court, Summerfield, FL 34491 - along with your completed Registration Form

CONTACT INFO: This is not a Writers League event Questions? Contact Vince Roberts @ vmr6t3@gmail.com or [352-454-2451](tel:352-454-2451)

BARNES & NOBLE UPDATE

By Rita Boehm



As the 1st quarter of 2022 draws to a close, I'm excited to announce that we more than met our goal to sell 75 books. I don't have the final numbers yet, but so far it appears that approximately 80 books were sold by our twelve authors. That's quite an accomplishment.

We need your continued support as a new round of talented authors is featured beginning in April. **Join us for our kick off events: Saturday, April 9th and Saturday, May 7th from 2 – 3 pm at the Barnes & Noble café.**

Please help publicize our relationship with Barnes & Noble—and stop by to check out the new selections. The WLOV/local author bookshelf is positioned in front of the check-out registers. So, anyone waiting on line has an opportunity to review our books—and hopefully purchase one or two.

PLEASE NOTE: Including this new group of authors, 55 members have had an opportunity to be featured since our relationship with B&N started last April. **IF YOU HAVEN'T YET HAD ONE OF YOUR BOOKS FEATURED IN THE STORE, PLEASE CONTACT ME (ritab1423@gmail.com) SO I CAN MAKE SURE YOU ARE ON THE LIST FOR FUTURE EVENTS.**

Since participation is a member benefit, you must be a current member of WLOV to be part of our author events (whether at B&N or All Booked Up). If you haven't paid your 2022 dues, now's the time. You can do it on our website, www.writersleagueofthevillages.com.

Our next quarter's 15 authors and their books:

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	GENRE	TITLE
BEST	PEGGY	MEMOIR /BIOGRAPHY	UN Sung HERO
CANAAN	DON	THRILLER	PRETTY LITTLE GIRL
CASTELL	VINCE	CHILDREN'S	CUBBY
DOYLE	T. MICHAEL	HUMOR	CRUISING, BOOZING, AND SCHMOOZING
DOMANN	DICK	THRILLER	THE ARAKNIV DECEPTION
FINCH	JOSEPH	MILITARY	FACES OF THE DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS
HOWARD	JOHN	MILITARY/CHRISTIAN	THE DEACON AND THE SHIELD
KOCA	GARY	CINEMA	FORGOTTEN MOVIE STARS OF THE 30'S, 40'S 50'S

KONIG	ROBERT J	WWII Historical Fiction	OF GOOD AND EVIL
MAUER	DAVE	THRILLER	PHANTOM OF THE BEACH
MILLER	BARBARA	HEALTH	KETO FOR LIFE
SCHULTZ	NANCY	HISTORIC FICTION	FLANIGANS IN AMENIA
SIMON	CLEO	MEMOIR	MOUNTAINS ALONG OUR PATH
STOEBEL	RICHARD	MEMOIR	I'M ALMOST HISTORY
SHEARER	MARSHA	POLITICAL	LIFE AFTER TRUMP: SEEKING A MORE PERFECT UNION

WHO DOESN'T WANT FREE PUBLICITY?

By Rita Boehm

Have you ever wondered how local authors get their new books publicized in the Daily Sun? It's easy! Like WLOV member W.H. Jansen featured below (from March 27), just send information about your new book to us at wlovwriters@gmail.com. Not only will we submit the information to the *Daily Sun* for you, we'll also include it in the book catalog on our website. www.writersleagueofthevillages.com.

Free and easy publicity – compliments of the Writers League. Also, regarding publicity, check out our ads that run in the club section of the Daily Sun. We are going to run them once a month for the rest of this year. The March 29th ad is below.

VILLAGES AUTHORS

W. H. Jansen
 "When the Owl Speaks: An Arctic Mystery"

W. H. Jansen, of the Village of Osceola Hills, has recently published his latest book "When the Owl Speaks: An Arctic Mystery." Jansen's 367-page story involves a graduate student researching an Inuit village in Nunavut, but it takes a turn for the worse as a murder mystery emerges. Jansen based the story on his own experiences doing doctoral work on the Arctic and far north region tribes as an anthropologist for nearly six years. "I enjoy finding the words that convey the ideas of my story in the minds of the reader," Jansen said. Jansen hopes readers enjoy the books by relating to his characters and find the commonalities in the distinct culture portrayed. "It's a good read and a fun one," Jansen said. Jansen's books are available on amazon.com. — Garrett Shiflet, *Daily Sun*

MARCH 29, 2022 THE DAILY SUN CLUB CONNECTION PAGE

NEW BOOKS BEING FEATURED!
 Award-winning local authors are **NOW** featured at **Barnes & Noble** in Lake Sumter Landing™ and **All Booked Up** in Colony Plaza
 Memoir to Mystery - Politics to Puppies
THERE'S SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE!
 SUPPORT LOCAL AUTHORS
 VISIT THESE STORES
 ASK FOR THE LOCAL AUTHOR SECTION

UPCOMING MEET THE AUTHOR EVENTS:
BARNES & NOBLE
 Saturday, April 9th
 2:00 - 3:00
ALL BOOKED UP BOOK STORE
 Tuesday, April 12th
 11:00 - 2:00

Writers League of The Villages

Amazon Smiles on WLOV

By Susan DeLay, WLOV Secretary
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On February 28, the WLOV board approved registering with Amazon’s nonprofit arm, AmazonSmile, which allows you to support WLOV with a donation on Amazon purchases.

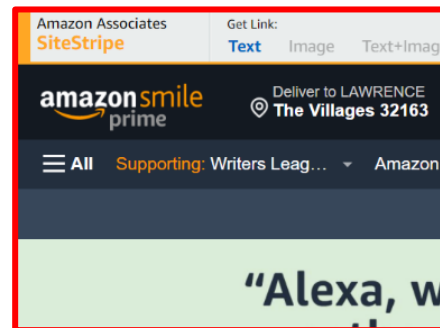
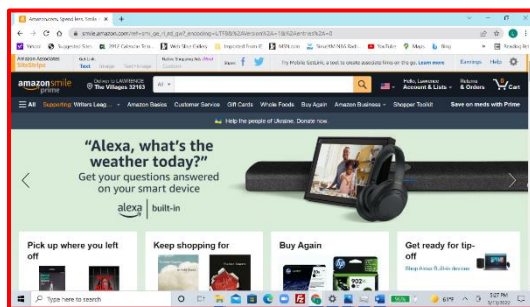
With AmazonSmile, you’ll find no change in the prices or the shopping experience, but your payment will **donate 0.5%** to WLOV when you buy eligible items. Eligible products are marked “Eligible for AmazonSmile donation” on their product detail pages. Recurring Subscribe-and-Save purchases and subscription renewals are not currently eligible.

To use AmazonSmile, simply go to smile.amazon.com on your web browser or activate AmazonSmile in the Amazon Shopping app on your iOS or Android phone within the Settings or Programs & Features menu. On your first visit to AmazonSmile, you will be prompted to select a charitable organization to receive donations from your future eligible AmazonSmile purchases. Enter “Writers League of the Villages,” and then select it when it appears in the list.

The screenshot below indicates you must always start your shopping at smile.amazon.com to secure the donation to WLOV.



To be sure you are on the Amazon Smile page, look for the logo in the upper left corner, as shown below in the screen shots. Note that below “amazonsmile” is “supporting Writers League”



While 0.5% may not sound like much, every little bit helps, and when all the supporters of WLOV shop at AmazonSmile, those donations will add up. WLOV will use this money to help fund its own scholarship program.

General Meeting March 8, 2022



WLOV Member Bona Hayes gave an excellent presentation about editing your book. Using examples, personal experience and audience interaction, Bona covered the following essential elements:

- Know Your Target Market (Who is it for and what's it for? Who is your audience, genre, and what is your book's purpose?)
 - Do a First Editing. After finishing, rest your manuscript, then listen to the draft from start to finish without making changes.
 - Use an automated editing program, e.g., Grammarly, Hemingway, ProWritingAid
 - Evaluate. Problem Solve. Revise.
- Use critique groups and workbooks.
 - Use beta readers and professional editors. Know the five levels of editing and samples of each type.

For more info, contact Bona at bonahayes@gmail.com.

Website Updates

www.writersleagueofthevillages.com

Our website is maintained by Paula Howard, past president of WLOV. One new update is the list of critique clubs in The Villages. The previous list from two years ago had almost all of them on Zoom because of Covid. Now they are all meeting live. Find the updated list at <https://writersleagueofthevillages.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/Writing-Critique-Groups-3-08-22.pdf>

Also added to the website is an item in last month's newsletter, a list of local publishers. Check it out at <https://writersleagueofthevillages.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/Local-Resources-for-Self-publishing.pdf>



Publicity Contact Reminders

To sell your book in B&N

Rita Boehm (ritab1423@gmail.com) (see page 7)

To get your book in *The Villages Daily Sun*

Rita Boehm, (ritab1423@gmail.com) (see page 8)

To sell your book in All Booked Up (see page 12)

Bill Pullen, billanita@att.net

To place your book in the WLOV catalog, send info to

WLOVwriters@gmail.com (see page 14)

To receive publicity about your book in *Village Neighbors Magazine*, or to be a guest columnist

Mark Newhouse, mark@newhouse.net

Mystic Ice Cream Story Night

Another fun evening of stories written by WLOV authors! Short Story Night at Mystic Ice Cream Café took place on March 21st. Story readers were Dick Walsh, Myra Crosby and Bona Hayes.

Stories were authored by WLOV members: Dave Maurer, Hugh Sullivan, Barbara Rein, Mike Doyle, Clay Gish, Bill Hurst, Larry Chizak, Dwight Connelly, and Hank Kuhlman.

The categories were Romance, Humor, Thriller, and Mystery. Well done by all!!

Pictures (L to R): President Linda Keenan and Story Judge Donna Panettiere; MC Hank Kuhlman & Reader Dick Walsh; Hank and Reader Bona Hayes

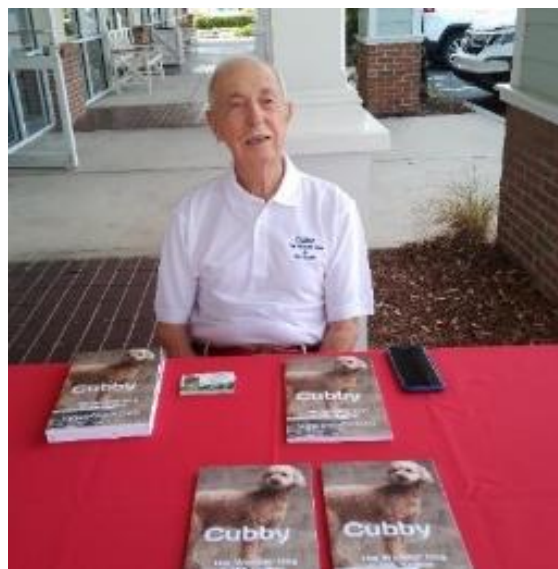


WLOV Books in All Booked Up, for April

At the Colony Plaza store. Arranged and managed by Bill Pullen, (352) 430-3006, billanita@att.net

- Leigh Court - “Rock Star”
 - Jenny Ferns - “Ripple Effect: Because of the War”
 - Steve Camp - “The Darien Chronicles - Objects for Reflection”
 - Ginger Sanders - “Round Eyes”
 - Gianna Ragona-Suarez - “Cosmic Readings for Hatha Yoga”
 - Vincent “Cas” Castell - “Cubby the Wonder Dog”
- The Villages Magazine* author for April is Geralyn Vilar - “One Spring Day”

Book signing held at the store March 8 featured three authors. L to R: Steve Camp, Leigh Court, Vincent Castell. The next book signing at All Booked Up is Tuesday, April 12, 11 am – 2 pm.

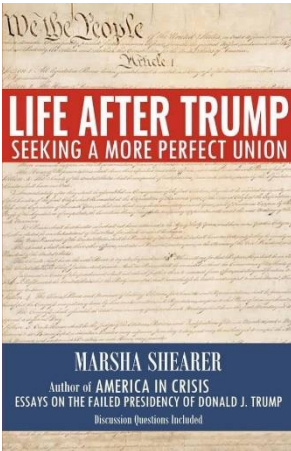


Winners of March Newsletter Contest

Marsha Shearer, Geralyn Vilar, and Robert Albert correctly identified the following authors of book titles that were placed throughout the newsletter. (For this month's newsletter contest see page 2).

Rita Boehm, *One Soldier's War*
Michael Doyle, *Bubba & The Bedroom Cowboys*
Rick Greenberg, *Silent Heroes*
Paula F. Howard, *The Hidden Pricetag*
Dan Kincaid, *Softball in The Villages Community*
John Mallon London, *The Rathbone Plot*
Barbara Miller, *Dancing in Rhythm with the Universe*
Nancy Pflum, *Murder On The Menu*
Bill Pullen, *It Started At the Savoy*

Marsha Shearer



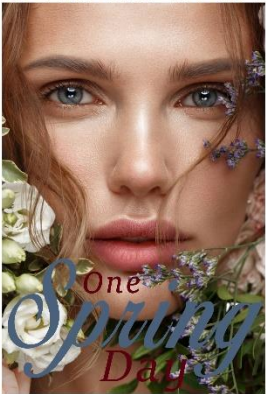
John Adams said, “*There was never a democracy yet that did not commit suicide.*” As America’s divisions deepen, Adams’ comment could be prophetic —unless we take action. My book, *Life After Trump*, identifies symptoms of our self-destruction and provides remedies for long-standing problems infecting American politics. But time is running out and the patient is slowly dying. To quote a reviewer, “This book should be on the reading list of everyone concerned with the direction this country is going.”

<https://www.amazon.com/Life-After-Trump-Seeking-Perfect-ebook/dp/B098BQ2F8T/>



Geralyn Vilar

GERALYN VILAR



One Spring Day is inspired by a true story about a young man who had everything and in the blink of an eye everything was gone and he became homeless.

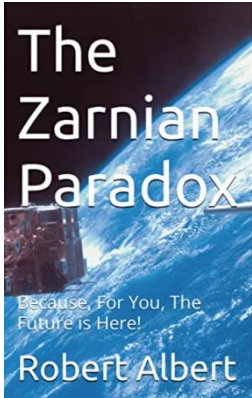
The story is a romantic mystery which takes you through the events leading up to him becoming homeless, why it happened, how it happened and a surprising twist. The book is a fast read and a page turner. It leaves the reader wanting more.

Most of the readers requested a sequel, which I recently published. The title of the sequel is, *Life After Melanie*.

One Spring Day is available on Amazon at <https://www.amazon.com/dp/B085RQRKZJ/>



Robert Albert



The world of Fantasy is a fabulous place bursting with excitement and thrilling moments where sudden flashes of brilliance and chasms of dark mysterious forces collide and compete for sovereignty in strange lands.

When, however, Fantasy merges with the land of Science Fiction we are treated to a whole new experience that takes us on flights of fancy in intergalactic space.

My latest book, *The Zarnian Paradox*, treats readers to a rollicking ride in outer space with a cast of characters who possess futuristic technological skills only dreamed of today.

When Ray Berger travels to Key West Florida with friends, the adventures begin. Thereafter, Ray's continuing episodes have him falling in love with Zara, who convinces him to assist her in her efforts to save her planet Zarnia which is doomed to destruct in ten years. Little does Ray know that Zara has a mind-shattering detail about herself that will shake up their relationship beyond anything he could have anticipated.

The book follows Ray and Zara's exploits as they meet up with a succession of colorful characters all with strange diverse miraculous powers.

<https://www.amazon.com/Zarnian-Vodka-Paradox-Robert-Albert-ebook/dp/B074D8M239/>



New Books in WLOV Book Catalog

To view the entire catalog, go to www.writersleagueofthevillages.com and click on "Books." To place your new book in the catalog, send the cover, a blurb and Amazon link to WLOVwriters@gmail.com

Life After Trump: Seeking A More Perfect Union - Marsha Shearer

GI ("Guvmint" Issue): The U.S. Army as Seen by Gobs (Good Ol' Boy Soldier) J. Lamar –

George M. Massey and R. Daniel Proctor

Murder of a Beer Buddy – Honey Lovejoy

Anna Maria Venturini – Allyson Hansen

Friends, Lovers, and Lies – Judi Cianci

Net Zero Carbon – Donn Dears

When the Owl Speaks – WH Jansen

Cubby the Wonder Dog – Vincent Castell

WLOV Member Responds to NYT Article about The Villages



On March 6 *The New York Times* published an Opinion piece about The Villages, titled “The ‘Disney’ for Boomers Puts Hedonism on Full Display.” The author, NYT columnist Michelle Cottle, focused on politics and “hedonism” in TV. You can read it at <https://www.nytimes.com/2022/03/03/opinion/florida-the-villages.html>

Several letters to the editor criticized the negative bias of the article, including one by WLOV member Nancy Schultz (pictured on right), author of *Flanigans in Amenia: The Irish Famine Immigrant Experience*. Nancy’s letter, published March 14 in the NYT, is quoted below.



To the Editor:

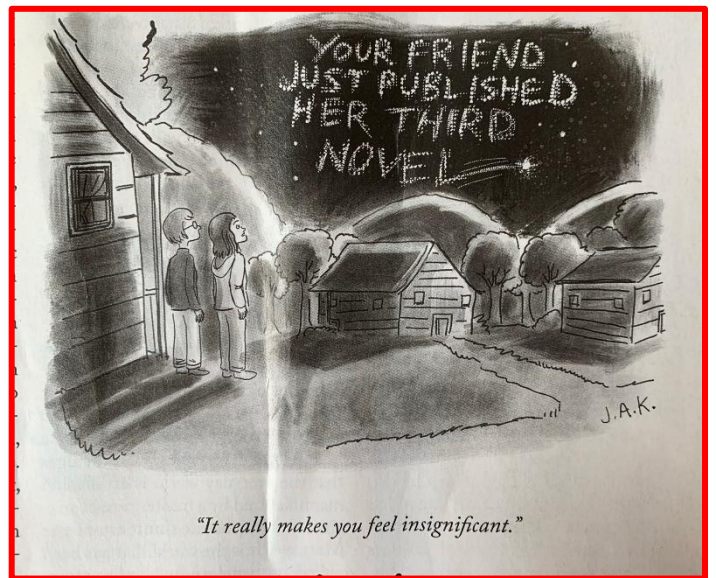
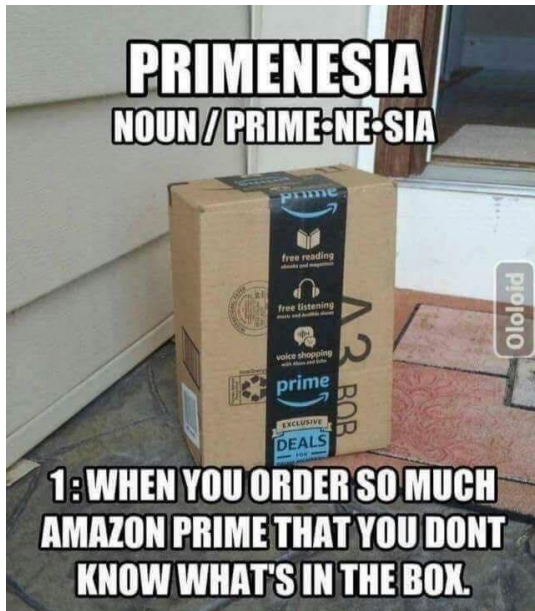
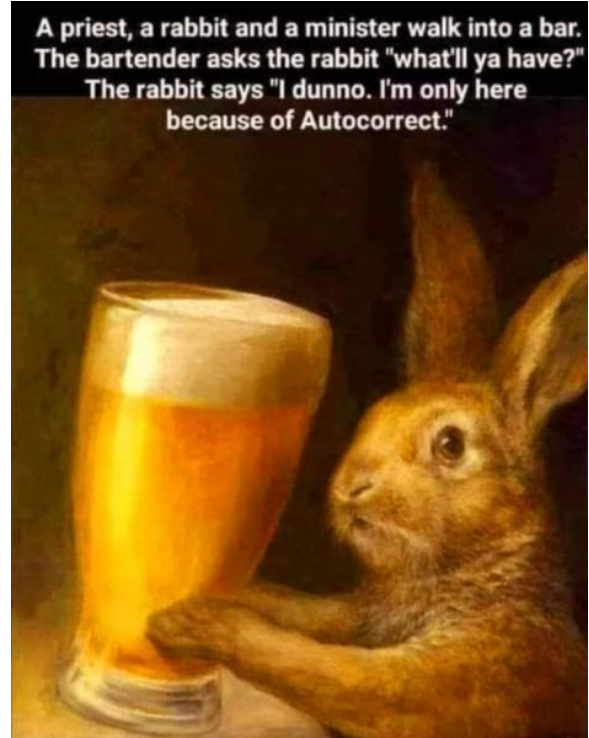
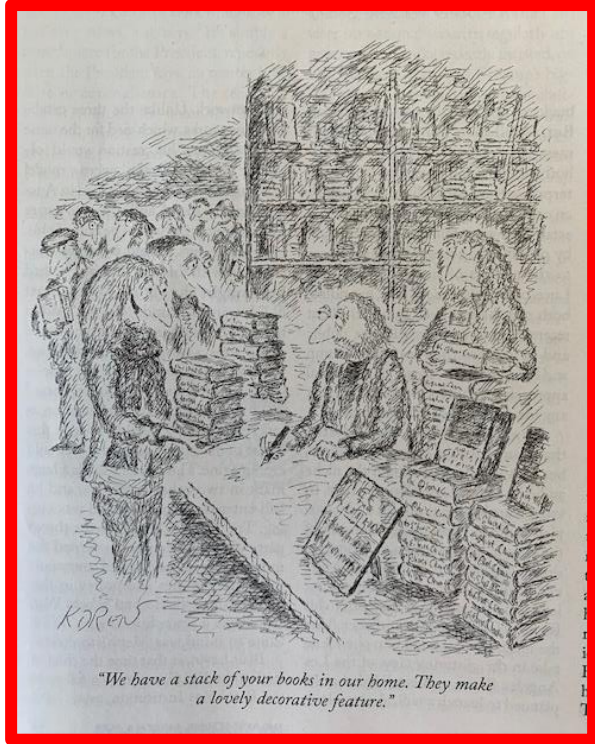
Rather than hanging out with a small minority of people who spend their days sitting in a bar, Michelle Cottle should have spent her time in the Villages finding out about the thousands of people here who work together raising money for charities. She could have written about the options for intellectual pursuits like the Civil Discourse Club, the [Writers League of the Villages](#) and the 1,300-member [Villages Genealogical Society](#).

She did a great disservice to us by positioning the lack of diversity as a reason for people to stay away, rather than mentioning the recent [Black History Celebration](#) where Villages residents came together to learn more about the accomplishments of our African American neighbors.

On my block there are very diverse political opinions, but our first priority is to be good neighbors to each other.

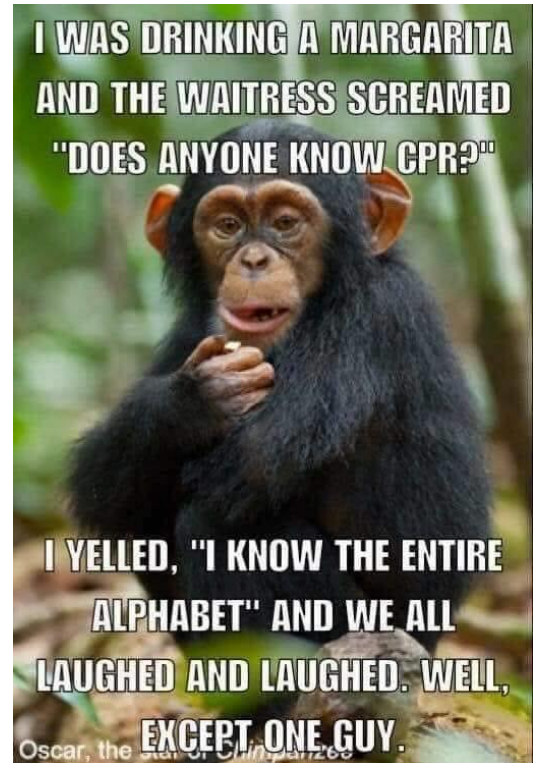
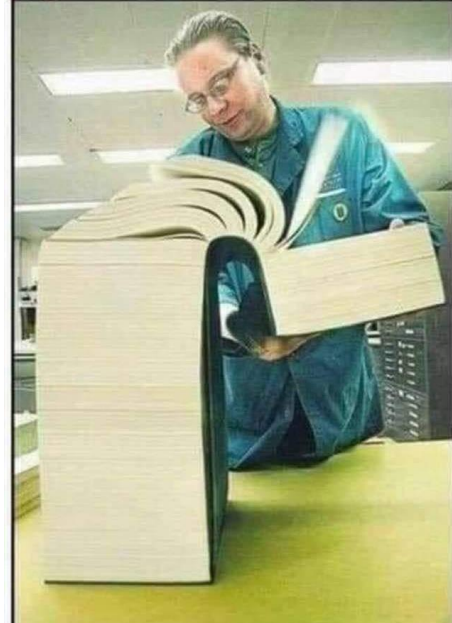
Nancy Flanigan Schultz
The Villages, Fla.

Cartoons





Just letting you know that the book, "Understanding Women" is now out in paperback



APPENDIX

LAKE SUMTER AUTHOR FAIR REGISTRATION FORM

Please accept my registration for the Lake Sumter Book Fair, Waterfront Inn, 1105 Lake Shore Drive, The Villages, Fl

Event Date: April 24th from 12 – 4 pm

Closing date for table applications: April 7, 2022

AUTHOR NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

APPROX. NUMBER OF BOOK TITLES TO BE SOLD: _____

GENRE/S _____

WHAT SIZE TABLE DO YOU NEED? 3 FT? 6FT?

ANY SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS OR HEALTH LIMITATIONS?

PRICE \$50. PER TABLE (regardless of size)

PAYMENT: BY CHECK TO VINCENT ROBERTS

SEND TO: Vince Roberts, 16390 Southeast 9th Court, Summerfield, FL 34491

CONTACT: @ vmr6t3@gmail.com or 352-454-2451

NOTE: Event may be limited to the first 50 authors due to size constraints.